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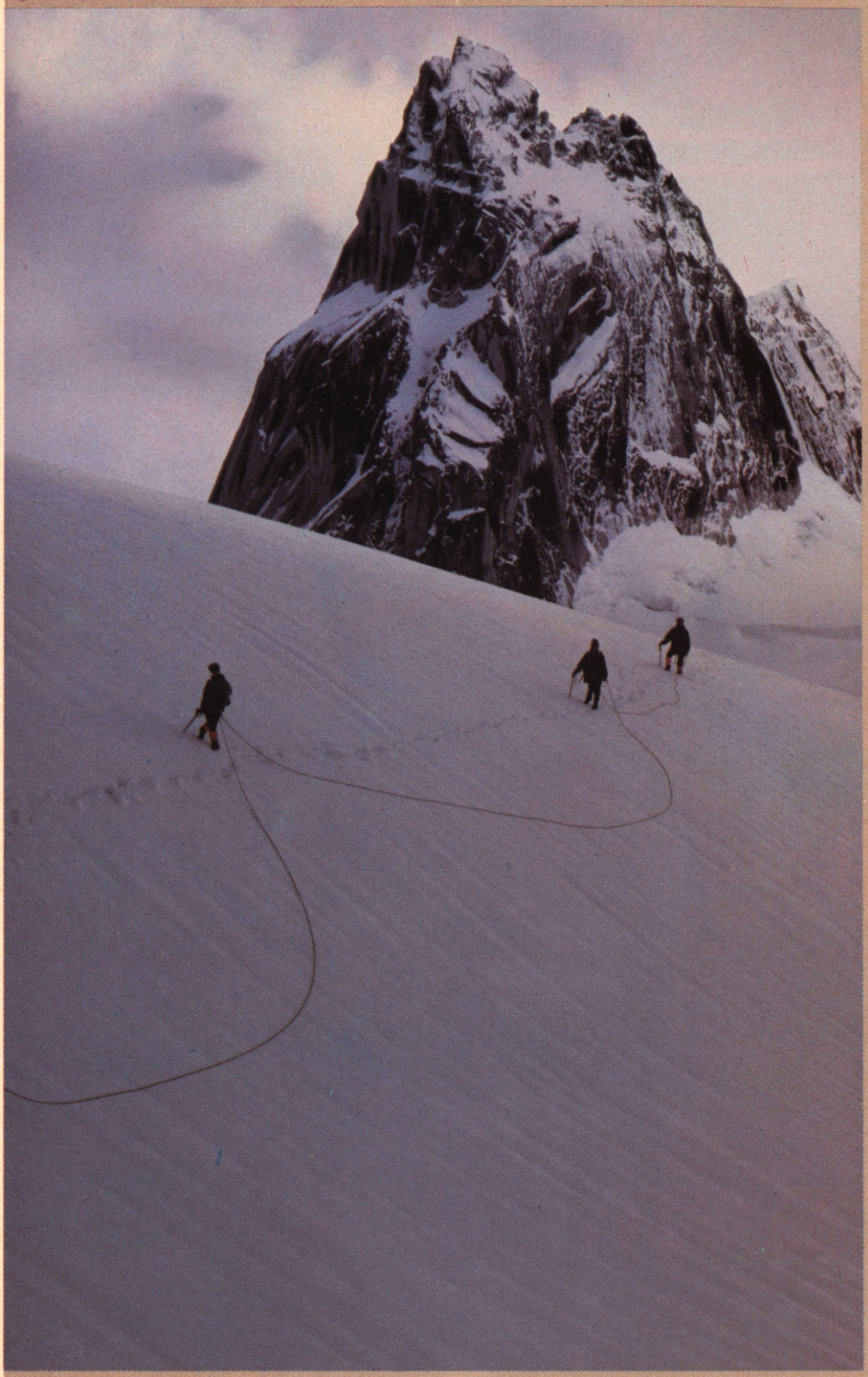

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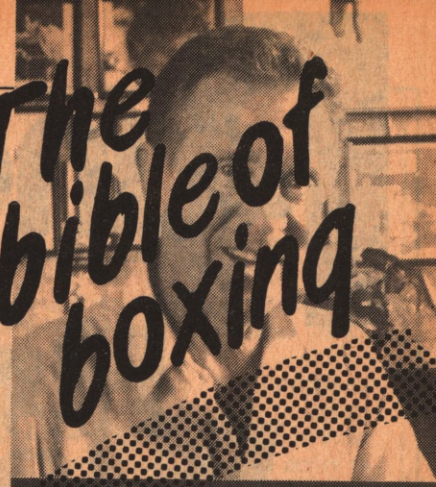

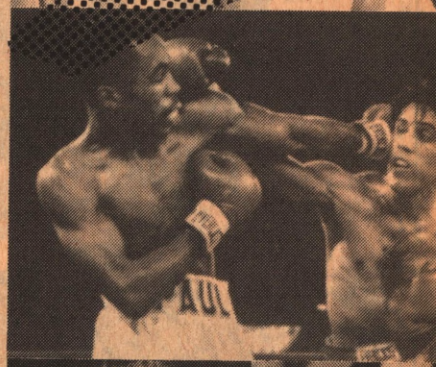

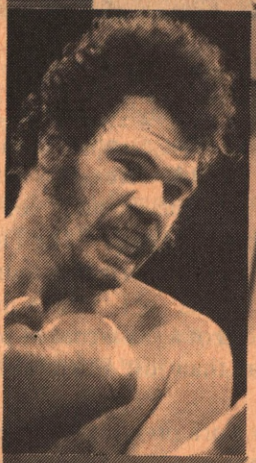

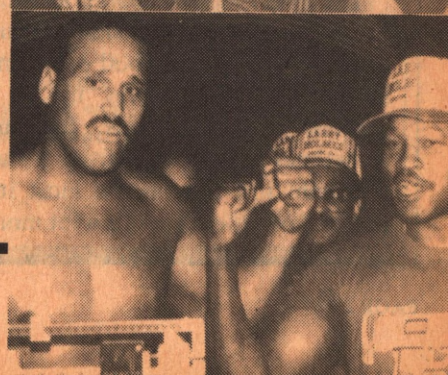

RingSide

By the time you read this rumination, the Hagler-Hearns fight will be history. But as of this writing, the battle is still five days away. Caught in a time vacuum of anticipation, boxing awaits "The Fight" with more than the normal amount of trepidation. This old whore is in desperate need of a fresh coat of paint. There's more than just a fight at stake here.

At a New York press conference, the day the fight was officially announced, Bob Arum told the assemblage that boxing was under attack, and that we must all "circle the wagons." He said that the Hagler-Hearns fight was a showcase, an event big enough, and good enough, to give boxing a much-needed shot of credibility. This wasn't entirely promotional hype. There's much more at stake here than just a fight.

The eyes of much of the world will be focused on Caesars outdoor arena on April 15. For the good of boxing, I hope 'The Fight' lives up to the greatest of expectations. But that's sometimes asking a lot from a racket that can turn sour at the most inopportune of times. There's a lot more at stake here than just a fight.

I realize that some readers might be expecting to see our reports of the Hagler-Hearns confrontation in this issue, but because of production schedules at the printers, we were obliged to go to press on the very eve of "The Fight." But rest assured, the July issue will bring you the most comprehensive coverage possible. Because *The Ring* knows: there's more at stake here than just a fight.

A correction: In last month's issues of *The Ring,* Top Rank vice president Akbar Muhammad was erroneously identified as Bilal Muhammad. My personal apologies to both Akbar and Bilal.

Nigel Collins

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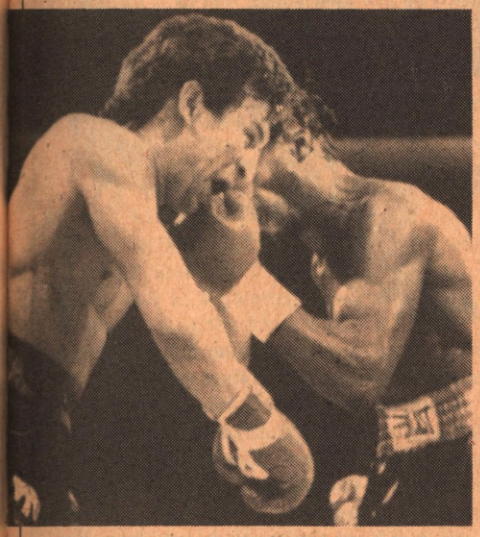
Come Out Writing



Difference of opinion. Some readers think Ray Mancini should retire following his loss to Livingstone Bramble, while others feel that "Boom Boom" was robbed in the rematch.

SOMETHING FISHY IN RENO?

OKAY RAY MANCINI FANS, I WANT to know how many of you out there thought Mancini won his rematch with Livingstone Bramble?

I could clearly see that Bramble landed the harder, cleaner blows. But even though Mancini's blows were not as crisp and punishing, he did land them. And isn't that one of the aspects of boxing—scoring points?

I know that all judges score differently. Some like the aggressor, and some like the guy landing the cleaner blows. But what I would really like to know is, who picks the judges? Does the champion's corner have anything to say about who is appointed? All in all, I had Mancini winning. I guess anything is possible. But I still say there was something fishy going on in Reno.

RICK NEWELL
Roseburg, Or

Editor's note: The World Boxing Association appointed the three judges for the Bramble-Mancini rematch. The fighters and their camps have no say in the matter.

RAY SHOULD RETIRE

AFTER WATCHING THE SECOND LIVingstone Bramble-Ray Mancini match for the second time, I am convinced, just as he should be, that it's time for Ray to hang 'em up. He only lasted 15 rounds because the fool doctor was influenced by the pro-Mancini crowd and was afraid to halt the bout when Ray got busted up. I'm not taking anything away from Ray. He showed plenty of heart, but he just doesn't have a big enough punch to stop Bramble. Ray, get out while you still have your sense. And if anyone tells you different, tell them to get in there with Bramble.

RICARDO JEFFERSON
New Rochelle, N.Y.

A CALL TO ARMS

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT I AND other people can do to stop and destroy this organized plan to ban boxing. We must ATTACK, not just sit back and wait. Boxing has become feminized little by little over the last few years. Everyone is worried about brain damage, cuts, and ring deaths. Of course there will be some casualties. People die all the time, anyway. No one is forcing these people to box, or to watch. I wish it was like the old days of (Harry) Greb and (Mickey) Walker, when men were *allowed* to be manly. The sport is already castrated because of do-gooders who want to turn the whole thing into a hospital where everyone goes around being tenderly watchful. Let's bring back the manliness back to boxing.

JOHN M. FOLGERT JR
Reseda, Ca.

SAD IN SACRAMENTO

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY INcreasing disgust with the current state of boxing. These feelings are based on the following:

1. The self-serving, self-appointed boxing "bodies" which fragment the sport. There are now three "champions" in most divisions. There appears to be no desire to unify the championships.

2. There are enough good fighters around, but the good fights are not made. This is due in part to point one above, and because the better fighters seldom fight more than once or twice a year.

3. There is no attempt being made to eliminate the ridiculous "in between" divisions—the junior this, the super that, etc. In fact, new ones seem to crop up with regularity. (witness the "junior bantamweights" and "super middleweights.")

4. The ridiculous ratings (except for *The Ring's*!), which cause title fight mismatches.

5. You see guys with 15 or 20 pro fights getting title shots. It is seldom that a fighter fights even 50 times in his career.

I've been a fight fan for 25 years, so I find all this quite sad. The sport has become so trivial and mediocre that my interest is no longer there.

RAYMOND P. FISHER
Sacramento, Ca.

Editor's note: We're glad you're still interested enough to write.

THE RING JINX

POOR OLD TOMMY HEARNS. HE REceived the dubious honor of being elected *Ring's* "Fighter of the Year." The last time that happened (1980), he found himself kayoed by Sugar Ray Leonard during the next season.

In recent years, there seems to have been a jinx attached to several fighters who were elected "Fighter of the Year." In 1977, Carlos Zarate won the award, only to be soon retired by Wilfredo Gomez. In 1979, Leonard won the award, but Roberto Duran took his welterweight crown soon afterwards. Sugar Ray re-won the title and the award, but eye problems forced him to retire. Salvador Sanchez passed away shortly after winning your award. Larry Holmes, another recent winner, is on the decline.

BRUCE HALD
Amityville, N.Y.

ROUND ONE

BY NIGEL COLLINS

ONE MORE TIME

IT SEEMS THAT JOE FRAZIER HAS finally figured out a way to make a fool-proof comeback. He's gonna fight a guy older than he is. That's right folks. "Smokin' Joe" will lace them up again June 23 in the Montreal suburb of Laval, Canada. In the other corner will be none other than former Canadian heavyweight champion Robert Cleroux. Frazier, 41, and Cleroux, 47, will attempt to go eight two-minute rounds. Joe said he would prefer rounds of the regular three-minute variety, but finally agreed to the abbreviated sessions as a concession to Father Time. But don't let this lead you to believe that Joe will be merely going through the motions.

I'm not going to Montreal and fight an exhibition," said Frazier. "I'm still in shape; I run every day. And I'm still able to get the job done."

Cleroux, who came out of retirement three years ago, when he beat Yvon Durelle (another former Canadian champ) in a similar type of match, agrees with Frazier that it will be a serious fight.

This is how Bob Cleroux looked after dropping a 10 round decision to Zora Folley in 1962. How he'll look after his scheduled bout with Joe Frazier is anybody's guess.

"It's the principle," said Bob. "The fans want to see who is better—me or Frazier."

Perhaps the most "serious" aspect of the match are the purses Frazier and Cleroux will be pulling down. According to promoter Regis Levesque, each man will receive $160,000. Even at today's inflated prices, that's a handsome payday for a couple of old geezers in their autumn years.

Yesterday's baseball heros have been reliving their glory days in "oldtimers" games since the early 1940's, so why not boxers? Of course, catching a baseball is not quite the same as catching a punch. Let's just hope that nobody gets hurt. But then, as Maurice Chevalier said, "Growing old isn't so bad—when you consider the alternative."

Say it ain't so, Joe. 41-year-old Joe Frazier is making a comeback against Bob Cleroux in Canada. It will be Frazier's first bout since his dismal draw with Jumbo Cummings, December 3, 1981.

ADIOS, ALBERT?

ALBERT DAVILA CAME UP THE hard way. When he won the vacant WBC bantamweight with a 12-round knockout over the ill-fated Kiko Bejines in 1983, Davila was considered little more than a respected journeyman. He had already come up short in three previous cracks at the 118-pound title, losing to Carlos Zarate (KOby8), Jorge Lujan (L15), and Lupe Pintor (L15). It was nice to see such a hard working veteran win a world title in the twilight of his career after just about everyone had written him off as championship material. Unfortunately, Lady Luck only smiled on Albert for a brief spell. Having finally won the belt, Davila had trouble reaping the rewards. He managed one title defense in '84, stopping Enrique Sanchez in a rugged battle of attrition. Since then Alberto has been

Albert Davila and his manager Bennie Georgino proudly display the WBC bantamweight belt. Unfortunately, Davila will probably have to give up the title because of back problems.

plagued with back problems and will probably be forced to quit the ring while still a reigning titleholder.

"As much as I hate to (retire)," Davila told the Los Angeles *Examiner*, "it's about my only alternative. It's pretty sad. It was a long, hard journey to the top and now it looks like it's over."

Davila's manager, Bennie Georgino, told *The Ring* that although they will wait until after Albert has surgery to make the final decision, the prognosis is not encouraging. Geogino also said that there is little hope that the WBC will put the title on hold until Albert has had a chance to convalesce.

"I spoke to Jose Sulaiman, and although he was sympathetic, he was already unhappy about the lack of championship activity in the bantamweight division."

The 30-year-old champion's career has been on the ropes before, but this time, the odds might be too much to overcome.

POLITICAL PUNCH-OFF?

BEARING IN MIND THAT POLITics is often the conduct of public affairs for private advantage, we pass along some suggestions for the improvement of boxing from Congressman Pat Williams, Montana Democrat. Williams has introduced legislation offering boxing reform by establishing a self-governing entity—the American Boxing Corporation—that would operate much like those which have worked so successfully for professional baseball and football. According to Congressman Williams' press release on the subject, the corporation would:

1. establish an autonomous boxing commission designed for self-regulation of the sport.
2. leave direct regulatory authority with State commissions.
3. not require any expenditure from the U.S. Treasury.
4. establish basic minimum health and safety standards.
5. establish fair labor standards.
6. require a report in three years, to Congress, evaluating the success of non-compulsory regulations.

Sounds pretty good on paper, but one can't help but wonder who Congressman Williams figures is gonna pay for all this.

THE LATEST DOPE

IT SEEMS THAT EVERY MONTH brings news of another drug-related problem. Two issues ago this page carried the disturbing news of Tyrell Biggs' "chemical substance" abuse. Then, last month, we had a brouhaha over Livingstone Bramble's nose spray. However, the latest "drug" abuse item borders on the ridiculous. It seems that the Nevada State Athletic Commission found traces of a drug in David Bey's urine following his TKO loss to Larry Holmes. The offending substance this time was the active ingredient of the popular over-the-counter painkiller, Tylenol. After fielding all those head shots from Holmes, Bey could probably have used something even stronger.

PUNCHLINES

TRAINER GEORGE FRANCIS, COMmenting on the tremendous punching power of junior middleweight John Mugabi: "Whenever he hits them, the expression changes on their faces. It's sort of magic, you know.

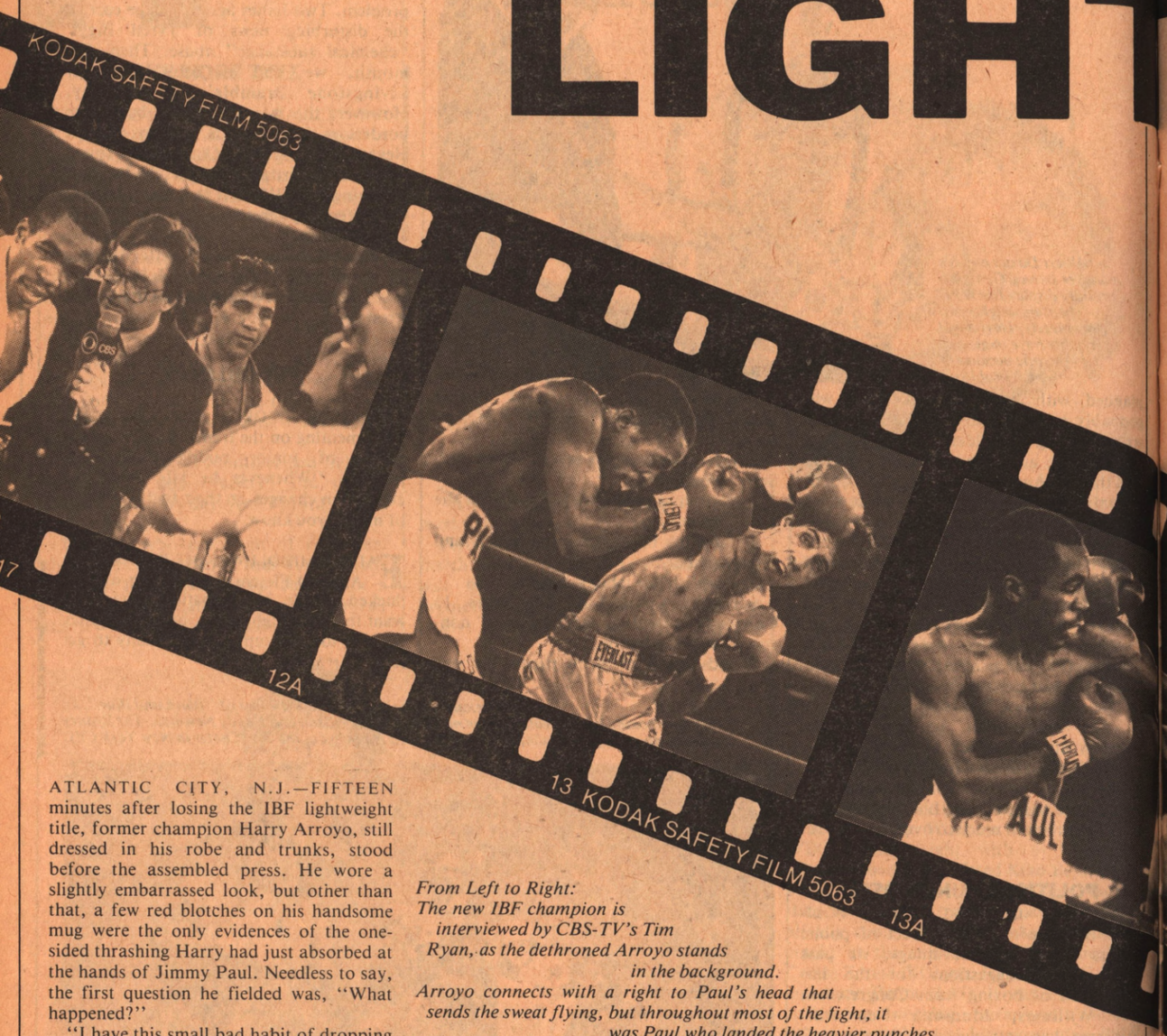
FADING MIDDLEWEIGHT FRANK (THE Animal) Fletcher, explaining why he ducked out on his probation officer: "I want to do the right thing, but I think they want to lock me up. I'm not ready to get locked up again.

A bi-sexual boxing club? No, it's the cast of "Black and Blue", an offbeat boxing ballet, featuring the music of Harry Nilsson and Randy Newman. The Sydney Dance Company, of Australia, recently presented the ballet at the City Center in New York City.

LIGHTWEIGHT LOGJAM

JIMMY PAUL UPSETS HARRY ARROYO FOR IBF LIGHTWEIGHT CROWN

BY NIGEL COLLINS

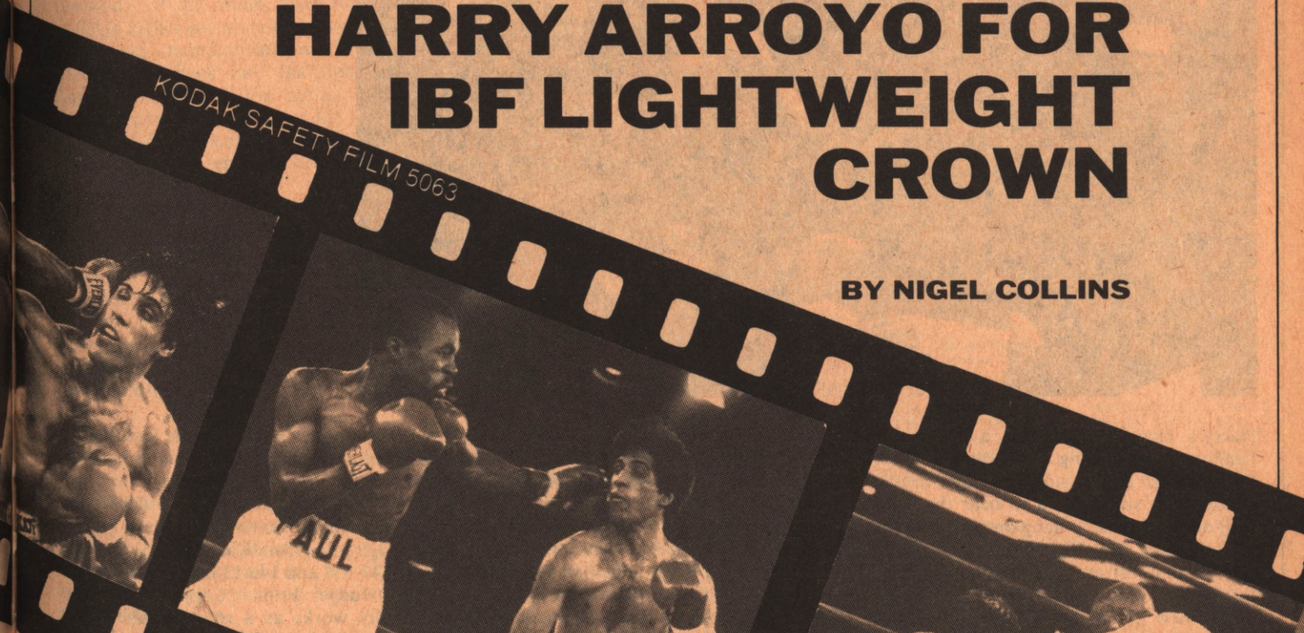


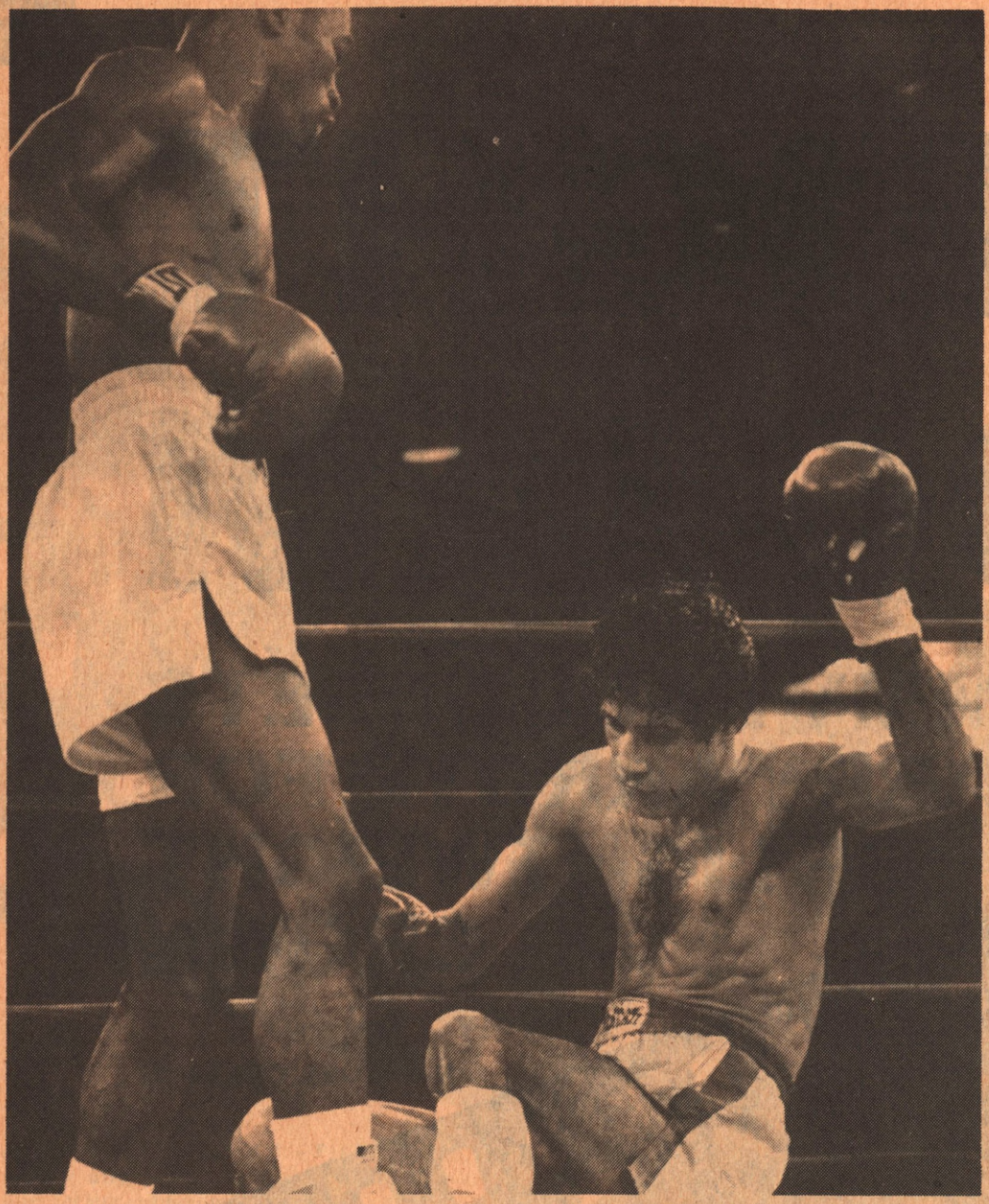
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—FIFTEEN minutes after losing the IBF lightweight title, former champion Harry Arroyo, still dressed in his robe and trunks, stood before the assembled press. He wore a slightly embarrassed look, but other than that, a few red blotches on his handsome mug were the only evidences of the one-sided thrashing Harry had just absorbed at the hands of Jimmy Paul. Needless to say, the first question he fielded was, "What happened?"

"I have this small bad habit of dropping my left hand," replied Arroyo, grinning sheepishly. "Jimmy (Paul) was smart enough to take advantage."

Was he ever! Paul, the latest product of Detroit's Kronk boxing team to win a world title, dropped so many rights over the top of Arroyo's lowered left, that his right hand seemed surgically attached to

From Left to Right:
The new IBF champion is interviewed by CBS-TV's Tim Ryan, as the dethroned Arroyo stands in the background.
Arroyo connects with a right to Paul's head that sends the sweat flying, but throughout most of the fight, it was Paul who landed the heavier punches.
Both Paul and Arroyo (right) miss during the heated action of their IBF lightweight title bout.
Harry Arroyo (right) charges blindly into a left hook from Jimmy Paul during their action-packed 15-rounder in Atlantic City.
Referee Larry Hazzard counts over Harry Arroyo during the champion's second trip to the canvas in the 10th round of his title bout with Jimmy Paul.





Jimmy Paul watches as Harry Arroyo crumples from the effects of a vicious right hand to the chin.

Harry's chin. Harry took a real, old-fashioned ass-kicking. But despite three knockdowns and a standing eight-count, Arroyo was still around to hear the final bell, doing his best to hang onto his title. In suffering the first loss of his pro career, Arroyo demonstrated the same sort of class he'd always shown as a winner.

The new champion, a serious looking man with a slender face and a highly disciplined ring style, agreed with Arroyo's assessment. He'd watched Terrance Alli floor Arroyo with a right during Harry's last outing, and took full advantage of the champ's conspicuous flaw.

"Harry is a good fighter, but he has a tendency to drop his left hand—just a little bit, but enough. Also, Harry gets caught a little more often than I do," said Paul, adding what was already obvious to CBS-TV's viewers and those in attendance at Bally's Park Place Hotel-Casino.

As fate would have it, Paul was not the originally scheduled opponent for Arroyo's third defense of the title he had won from Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown on April 15, 1984. Texan Robin Blake, who had already lost a 10-round decision to Arroyo before Harry won the belt, pulled out because of a hand injury three weeks prior to the match. In stepped Paul, the United States Boxing Association titleholder, and the rest is history. Many, however, wondered why Arroyo accepted such a tough substitute.

"I don't want to duck anyone," explained Arroyo. "Jimmy Paul has been rated for some time. If no one had ducked him, he'd have been champion a long time ago."

While that point may be debatable, Paul's triumph over Arroyo wasn't. Judges Tim Figley and Tom Kaczmarek scored the bout 147-138 and 146-138, respectively, for Paul. Judge Frank Cappuccino, who normally works as a referee, tabbed the fight a ridiculously close 142-141. But at least he voted for the right fighter. *The Ring* tally was 147-136, Paul.

Paul, 135, entered the ring first, practically unnoticed as he slipped between the ropes. Arroyo's entrance was the complete opposite. The crowd gave him a rousing welcome, featuring cheers, banners and chants. But once the fight started, the fact

that he was the fan's favorite was immaterial. Styles make fights (and winners), and Paul had the style to beat Arroyo at his own game.

In the past, Arroyo had overcome a slow start, beating his adversaries with patience, smarts, and a good right hand. This time, Paul had more patience, more smarts, and the better right hand.

Following an even first round, Arroyo attempted to open up during the second hoping to overcome his penchant for falling behind in the early going. And while he managed to win the session on two of the official scorecards, Paul landed the only meaningful punch of the round—a straight right over the top of Harry's lazy left.

They traded jabs in the opening moments of the third, but while Arroyo was missing his follow-up shots, Paul wasn't. He tagged Harry with a snappy left, and then crossed his right. The punch nailed Arroyo flush on the cheek and sent him crashing to the canvas.

Arroyo, 134½, looked stunned, but bravely clammered to his feet, beating referee Larry Hazzard's count with a couple of seconds to spare. For the remainder of the round, Paul stalked but failed to inflict any more serious damage.

Showing championship mettle, Arroyo tried to get back into the fight in the fourth. He forced the action, landing several rights to the head as his followers yelled encouragement. Paul bided his time, connecting with enough blows to keep Harry honest.

The match was competitive over the next five rounds. While Arroyo never really got his offense untracked, he worked hard enough to stay in the fight. But at no time did he seem ready to take over. Besides the problem of his challenger's ever present right hand, Arroyo also had difficulty finding the target. Paul's defensive abilities proved just as important as his deadly right.

The 10th round was pure torture for Arroyo. Paul set him up with a jab and then unloaded with a perfect right to the chin. Before Arroyo had a chance to fall, Jimmy stepped in with another right that jerked Harry's head sideways. Arroyo went down hard and sat there for a few seconds, vigorously shaking his head in an attempt to clear the cobwebs.

Once more, Harry managed to beat the count and finish the round on his feet. But this time, he was forced to soak up quite a bit of punishment before the bell came to his rescue.

Although the title was almost within his grasp, Paul never deviated from his fight plan. He continued to outbox Arroyo, cutting loose with hard punches only when he saw an opening. Arroyo was still game, but must have known his title was rapidly slipping away.

If there had been any doubt who the winner would be, it was erased by the brutal beating Paul administered in the 13th round. He punctuated three jabs with a right cross to the head, and Arroyo went down for the third time, landing on his back. He struggled up at the count of eight, and wobbled back into the face of Paul's precision punching.

This time, Paul went for the kill. He backed Arroyo into the ropes and blasted away with both hands. Harry rocked and rolled, avoiding some blows, but certainly not all. On several occasions, Hazzard seemed to be on the verge of stopping the fight. And few would have criticized him if he had. Instead, he interrupted the action and gave the stricken champion a standing eight-count. It was this, as much as anything, that probably saved Arroyo from a knockout.

Having survived such a tremendous amount of abuse, and realizing that it would take a miracle to save his belt, Arroyo tried to mount a desperation attack in the last two rounds. As it was, Paul's fists had taken too much out of him, and it was a rather feeble, albeit gallant, effort. Over the final two frames, Paul won every exchange, finishing the match much as he began—catching Arroyo with his umpteenth right of the afternoon.

Paul's upset win was made even more remarkable by the fact that Arroyo was considered by many to be perhaps the best fighter in the talent-rich 135-pound division. Jimmy now takes his place alongside Livingstone Bramble (WBA) and Jose Luis Ramirez (WBC) as one of the three reigning lightweight kings. Judging by his form against Arroyo, he could hold his own with either of them. First, however, Paul is obligated to defend against Blake. When promoter Bob Arum announced this during the post fight press conference, it brought a howl of protest from Darryll Tyson and his manager. Tyson, the only man to beat Paul in the pros, pressed his case and was assured that he would eventually get his chance.

At the present, the lightweight ranks are somewhat of a logjam. Bramble is being forced to defend against Tyrone Crawley, while Ramirez is scheduled to defend against Hector Camacho. Both fights could go either way. Now that Paul is in the picture, it will take some time to determine the best of the lot. And let's not completely write off Arroyo. Despite his loss, he remains a very popular and talented fighter. As Arum reminded the press, even Sugar Ray Robinson lost early in his career. Arroyo (now 26-1, 20 kayoes) didn't exactly sound ready for pasture.

"My pride is hurt a little bit, but losing to a fighter as good as Jimmy isn't as bad as losing to a nobody. He knocked me down a few times, beat me up a little bit. I learn the hard way. I've got to get back on my feet and start over."

For Paul, 25, it is a new beginning. He's been Jimmy Who? for most of his career. Only the hard core knew all along what a fine fighting machine he really is. Now that the secret is out, boxing can only benefit. Whatever problems the sport may be suffering, lack of competition among the lightweights isn't one of them.

In the top prelim, Duane Thomas, 160, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over Sumbu Kalamby, 157¾, Zaire, 10. The referee was Joe Cortez. The win lifted Thomas, a Kronk stablemate of Paul's, to 24-1 with 16 kayoes. Kalamby dipped slightly to 32-2-1 with 20 knockouts.

Tyrone (Butterfly) Trice, 142, Detroit, TKO'd Kenny Willis, 139, Bridgeport, Conn., at 1:21 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Referee, Randy Neumann.

Hugh (Buttons) Kearney, 148½, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Harold Kimbro, 146¼, Canton, Ohio, six. Referee, Cortez.

Alfonso Walker, 132, Philadelphia, and Eddie Miranda, Newark, 136¾, drew, four. Referee, Neumann.

Grady Smith, 172½, Jackson Beach, Florida, and Williard Nance, 178, Trenton, New Jersey, drew, four. Referee, Cortez.

Preliminary judges—John Stewart, Frank Brunette, Larry Wallace.

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THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF JIMMY PAUL

Detroit, Michigan Lightweight
Born: August 27, 1959
Manager: Emanuel Steward
Height: 5'9"

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1980		
Oct. 23	Ken Reid	Detroit	KO5
Nov. 12	Cedric Buckley	Detroit	KO1
	1981		
Mar. 13	Clinton Harris	Lansing	KO4
May 14	Antonio Rutledge	Detroit	KO2
July 9	Billy Madison	Detroit	KO5
Sept. 10	Jerome McKenny	Detroit	KO2
Nov. 19	Chico Rodriguez	Detroit	KO1
	1982		
Jan. 23	Jerome McKinny	Detroit	KO1
Jan. 28	Salvador Ugalde	Phoenix	KO4
Mar. 16	Sergio Aguirre	Phoenix	KO5
Apr. 20	Robert Garcia	Phoenix	KO1
Apr. 29	Jerome Artis	Atlantic City	W10
May 20	Darrell Stovall	Phoenix	KO7
Sept. 4	Tyrone Lee	Detroit	KO1
Oct. 10	Jorge Morales	Detroit	KO3
Dec. 3	Pat Duran	New Orleans	KO6
	1983		
June 12	Andy Ganigan (Won USBA Title)	Phoenix	KO6
Oct. 11	Darrell Tyson	Atlantic City	L10
	1984		
Feb. 11	Richard Fowler	Detroit	KO9
June 15	Alvin Hayes	Las Vegas	KO6
Sept. 27	Dwight Pratchett	Detroit	W10
	1985		
Jan. 12	Ildemar Baisan	Aruba	W10
Apr. 6	Harry Arroyo (Won IBF Title)	Atlantic City	W15

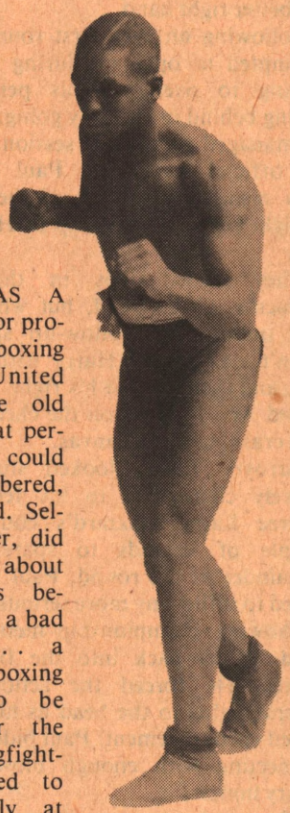
SUMMARY

TOTAL BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
23	22	1	0	18

As we enter the sixth month of 1985, boxing is undergoing microscopic inspection. There have been severe attacks on the sport from members of the United States Congress and the American Medical Association. Practically every major newspaper and television network has run investigative pieces dealing with the brutal side of boxing. There have been times when it seemed that those bound and determined to ban the "sweet science" were on the verge of doing just that. But this is not the first time that boxing has been on the ropes. In fact, the sport practically vanished during the second year of this century. Historian Luckett V. Davis takes us back to 1901—boxing's other year of crisis—and examines the factors that almost led to the complete elimination of professional fistfighting in the United States. Of course, the key word here is *almost*. Boxing has always bounced back in the past, and we're sure it always will.

1901 BOXING'S OTHER YEAR OF CRISIS

BY LUCKETT V. DAVIS



1901 WAS A crisis year for professional boxing in the United States. The old times of that period, who could have remembered, are all dead. Seldom, if ever, did they write about it, perhaps because it was a bad memory . . . a time when boxing seemed to be headed for the status of dogfighting, doomed to survive only at clandestine meetings in lonely places and at odd hours, to escape the attention of the law.

The crisis began with the repeal of the Horton Law by the New York state legislature, March 28, 1900. Under the Horton Law, boxing flourished in New York. New York City supported many important "athletic" clubs such as the Broadway, Greenwood, Hercules, Pelican, Seaside, and Samson. Cards usually consisted of a 25 round main event and a 10 or 12 round supporting bout. Major fights occurred frequently. For instance, in the first four months of 1900, Joe Walcott lambasted Joe Choynski, Terry McGovern knocked out George Dixon and Oscar Gardner, Mysterious Billy Smith lost his welterweight title to Matty Matthews, and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and George McFadden fought a 25-round draw. It was truly a golden era.

Boxing in New York ended badly, as the Horton Law expired on August 31, 1900. On August 28, Joe Walcott suddenly quit after 11 rounds with Tommy West,

'Philadelphia' Jack O' Brian was forced to migrate to England for the 1901 season when boxing was temporarily outlawed in his hometown.

The prolific Kid Beebe had 24 bouts in 1900, but only went to the post four times in 1901. Photo from the Jim Jacobs collection.

claiming an injured arm, even though easily winning. Then Kid McCoy's six round knockout by James J. Corbett on August 30 was considered to be an obvious fake. It was the day of the "sporting men," gamblers who sought to make betting coups by arranging blatant fixes. The large sums of money that they offered to "arrange" the outcome of fights was bound to tempt some fighters, managers, and promoters.

The next blow came on December 13. Terry McGovern's two round knockout of Joe Gans at Tattersall's in Chicago was viewed by all as a fix. THE PHILADELPHIA EVENING ITEM, December 14, said "There is no manner of doubt . . . that last night's fight . . . between Terry McGovern and Joe Gans was a fake of the first water . . . It outdid the most barefaced ring fraud that ever played in New York." A suspicious shift in the betting odds occurred shortly before the fight when a story went the rounds that Gans would go out. Furthermore, the fight itself was totally unconvincing. The ITEM reported that many of the politicians of Chicago lost large bets on the fight. Chicago boxing was halted within a few days and was not resumed until a year later.

Philadelphia had long been a thriving fight center. From six to a dozen fight cards were held weekly. The fights were limited in duration to six rounds, so that

four or five bouts constituted a card. An unusually large number of fighters and managers was supported by this high level of activity, and by promotions in Trenton, Allentown, and other nearby towns.

The six-round limit kept the biggest fights out of Philadelphia, and major scandals had been absent. But Philadelphia politicians read the newspapers (and perhaps lost bets on big fights held elsewhere). So, when an amateur boxer, Edward P. Sanford (known in the ring as Frank Barr) died from injuries sustained in a fight on December 21, the Director of Public Safety revoked all permits for "sparring contests" (a euphemism for fights).

At first, the Philadelphia ban was thought to be temporary, and a step toward the setting of regulations to prevent "mushroom" clubs, require licenses for fighters, and to set rules by which politicians could no longer gain admittance to the best seats by threat. The "mushroom" clubs were shoddy, temporary operations, notorious for not presenting the advertised cards, and many complaints had resulted. The ITEM said that "In probably a month the clubs in good standing will be allowed to open their doors."

It soon became clear that the Philadelphia ban was not temporary. Boxing was now dead in the three largest eastern centers: New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia. The smaller cities now began to follow suit. With a couple of months, boxing was practically dead in the east and midwest, except in Baltimore, Louisville, and in Connecticut. A few small towns became the sites of occasional promotions: for instance, Shamokin and Leiperville in the Philadelphia area had occasional cards, but not nearly enough to keep the large local population of boxers busy.

An exodus of the more established boxers began. A few of them resettled in Savannah and Connecticut. Many headed west, where reformers and revenge-minded bettors had not yet gotten the upper hand. Activity continued in California, although the opposition was not silent. Boxing had an easier time in the mining centers, and residents of Butte, Anaconda, Cripple Creek, and other western towns, were soon seeing fighters whose activities had heretofore been restricted to more civilized settings. Some fighters even made their way to Dawson in the Yukon, and to Nome, Alaska, and results of fights began to filter in from these remote parts.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien led a minor migration to England, where the boxing fans had the mortification of seeing their favorites trounced time and again by the

Gentleman' Jim Corbett, pictured here with director Robert G. McVignola and actresses Pauline Fredrick and Mae Busch on the MGM lot in Hollywood, was involved in a fake 1900 fight with Kid McCoy that helped lead to boxing's problems during the first year of the 20th Century.

invaders. Even South Africa and Australia received a few visitors. Boxing had not yet gotten a foothold outside the English-speaking countries, else the action-seekers might have gone off into many more directions.

One or two examples will suffice to show the effects of the boxing crisis on lesser fighters. Joe Grim, the untalented immigrant who later became famous for somehow surviving terrible beatings from topflight fighters, had begun his career in 1900. From August 17 to December 10, 1900, he had at least 18 fights. Not a single bout is known for him during the ban, but he fought at least 20 times in the three months following the resumption of boxing. Kid Beebe, who later claimed 639 fights in his career, had at least 24 encounters between April 9 and December 15, 1900, but saw action only four times during the ban.

Many second and third rate fighters lapsed into inactivity. A few quickly established themselves elsewhere and were active in 1901. The champions and other top-line men were so well known that their careers were mostly uninterrupted, although they found themselves fighting in towns that they would have scorned to name only a year before.

Had the ban continued indefinitely, it is probable that boxing history would have been greatly changed, or indeed cut short. The ITEM began to carry reports of finish fights "pulled off" in the countryside, sometimes at 2:00 in the morning. The results were often brutal and a throwback to the bareknuckle era; indeed, some of these illicit fights involved use of skintight gloves instead of padded gloves. The participants were seldom professional fighters, rather local roughnecks and bullies who might take to the tall timber or flop miserably to the canvas after sampling a few whacks from an opponent.

Boxing returned to Philadelphia and Chicago as suddenly as it had been stopped. On December 2, 1901, Judge J. William Martin, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia, handed down his decision on an injunction sought by the Central Athletic Club against the Police Department, to prevent their interference with boxing promotions. Judge Martin held that "boxing is not illegal in this state and the police of Philadelphia have no right to stop boxing bouts in this city." On December 6, the Central AC held a promotion, and within a month about ten professional cards per week were being held in Philadelphia.

At about the same time, authorities in Chicago relented and a high level of activity was resumed. Boxing was still outlawed in New York, and would not reach its former status until the Frawley Law was enacted, almost a decade later. The six-round limits on fights in Chicago and Philadelphia continued to cause the largest promotions to go to California, Baltimore, and other parts. By 1906 professional boxing in Chicago was stopped again, and would not return for nearly 20 years. But Philadelphia was to be a reliable, busy fight center for many years to come, visited often by the champions and their ablest contenders. □

Terry McGovern with his wife and kids. Terry's two round knockout over Joe Gans in December of 1900 was labled a "bareface ring fraud" by the Philadelphia Evening Item.

MICHAEL MARLEY AT LARGE

I COVER THE FIGHT BEAT. I TAKE notes, pick up quotes and seek anecdotes. At times, it's a lonely and dirty job but somebody's got to do it. You might think that, in this age of creeping Yuppieism, it might get easier.

You might know that Ira Becker, the progressive proprietor of Gleason's Gym, is on the verge of installing a juice bar on the second level of that storied institution. Somewhere, Bobby Gleason is spinning like the proverbial gyroscope.

I cover the fight beat. I take notes, pick up quotes and seek anecdotes. But nowhere does it say I must sip carrot juice while waiting for the next workaholic Cooney visitation to the pugilistic playpen on West 30th Street.

Speaking of that heavyweight workaholic, it is amusing to see Workaholic Cooney's personalized heavy bag in the rear of Gleason's. The bag has a shamrock and this inscription scrawled on it: DETERMINATION AND DESIRE.

I cover the fight beat. I want to know the hidden meaning of such a motivational phrase on Cooney's personal heavy bag. I inquire of one of the wrinkled-faced railbirds. This is akin to asking a Delphic oracle about a weighty philosophical matter.

"What it means, you moron, is that Cooney can't read," the railbird snaps.

I cover the fight beat. When abuse is deserved, I take it. In between the loneliness and the dirtiness, I have a few laughs.

I cover the fight beat. Herewith are this month's gems, unpolished and otherwise:

Cowboy Don Shiver is a junior middleweight prospect who is gaining notice in Tampa. Matchmaker Brad Jacobs didn't realize Shiver's popularity until he escorted Shiver and Earl Hargrove to a truck pull. "Earl got about three hand claps when he was introduced," Jacobs said. "But the 12,000 people went wild when Don was announced." Shiver is a real cowboy, not the Rexall variety. His dream? "I hope to make enough money to buy a ranch where I can have quarterhorses and Black Angus cows." . . .

I wondered how a socially-conscious black guy like Janks Morton could, in his own mind, justify taking Greg Page to fight in troubled South Africa. And, when I was in Phoenix, recently I asked Morton about it. You may not like his answer but Morton doesn't duck anything.

"I went because it was really the only shot Greg had to get the belt. Everyone else was refusing him. And we got it. I don't care about the criticism. Did Arthur Ashe stay in Soweto or in a hotel when he went there? And he went there three times. I'm no fool. But you don't have to go to South Africa to find apartheid. Go to Montana or Utah and color your face. See what happens." That's what I like about Janks. He sugarcoats everything . . .

Thrill of Victory Dept.: I don't want you to think that Ruby Bob Fitzsimmons, who held the middleweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight titles at various times, was crowing after he whipped James J. Corbett in Nevada in 1897, but Fitzsimmons

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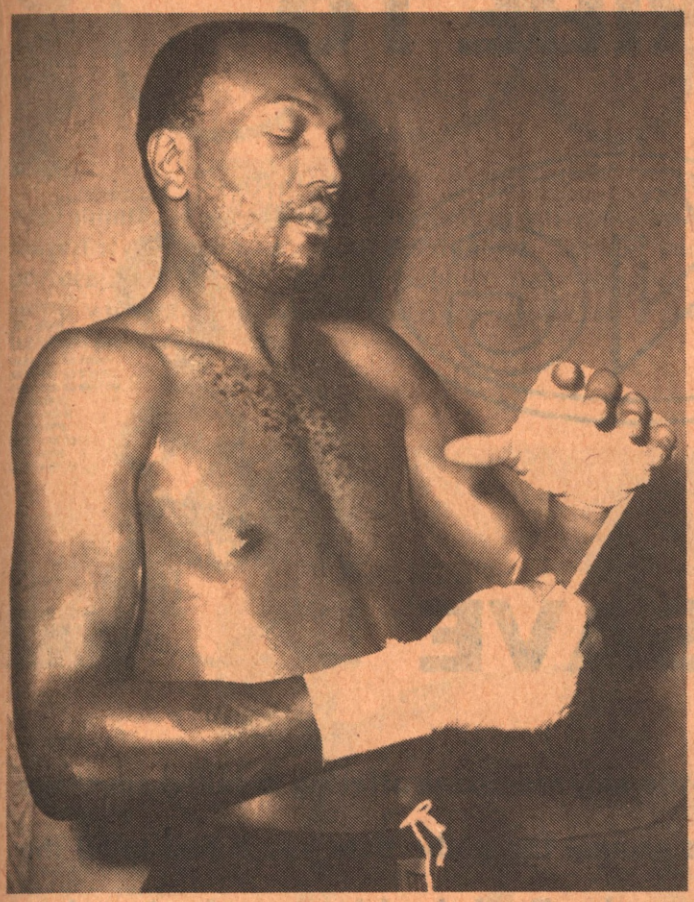
Popular Tampa junior middleweight Cowboy Don Shiver and his possey Teri DeMartino (right) and Susan Foxworth (left).



Bob Foster; pictured here in his prime, doesn't think Michael Spinks stands a "snowball's chance in hell" of upsetting Larry Holmes.

penned a post-fight column for The Chicago Tribune in which he explained how he had worked up a great hatred for the much bigger (Corbett weighed 187 to Ruby Bob's 156½ pounds).

". . . Unmindful of the right I had to challenge him, and totally ignoring the quality of my record, he maliciously maligned me, spat in my face, refused to take my hand, and otherwise exhibited conduct unbecoming a gentleman . . ." What is this apropos of? Nothing much, except the continuing "hype" for a Larry Holmes-Mike Spinks showdown.

And in case you wonder what Detective Bob Foster of the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office thinks of Spinks' chances against Holmes, the answer is not much. "He hasn't got a snowball's chance in hell of beating Larry Holmes," Foster said. "Spinks better go after a guy like Pinklon Thomas." . . .

Can it be true that Victor Valle hasn't heard from Workaholic Cooney since before Christmas? . . . Talented young (28) trainer Teddy Atlas thinks handwrapping is an extremely overrated subject. Atlas, who is grooming good-looking prospect Chris (Shamrock Express) Reid among others, said, "I can be the best damn handwrapper in the world but what good is it if I can't teach a guy how to get away from a punch or how to execute a combination? Then you'll see the guy laying on the floor with beautifully-wrapped hand. The crux (of being a trainer) is teaching a guy how to fight," Atlas said . . . .

Everyone from the AMA's Dr. George Lundberg to Mister Rogers gives lip service to the concept of improving boxing safety but Houston inventor Byron Donzis, working in conjunction with oil heiress and fight promoter Joseph Abercrombie, is doing something about it. What's often overlooked is that most of the wear and tear on veteran boxers comes from grueling sparring sessions. Muhammad Ali is a case in point.

What Donzis and Abercrombie are doing is experimental but they have some of Abercrombie's HBA fighters wearing radically-different protective equipment in workouts. Donzis is the guy who invented the flak jacket almost all pro, college and high school quarterbacks wear. "We've got her boxers wearing new headgear and ribgear made by my company, Abradon. The headgear in use today is a joke. Mine is a thousand times better." Donzis may not be modest but he is a great innovator . . .

Where is Workaholic Cooney? Isn't he due for a vacation? . . .

I work the fight beat. I take notes, pick up quotes and seek anecdotes. Hey, isn't that Workaholic Cooney standing at the juice bar? . . . □

Workaholic Gerry Cooney and an unidentified sparring partner.

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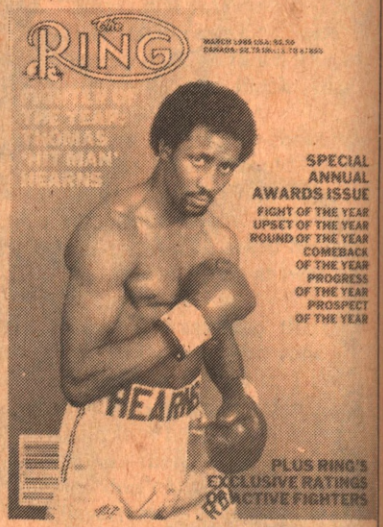

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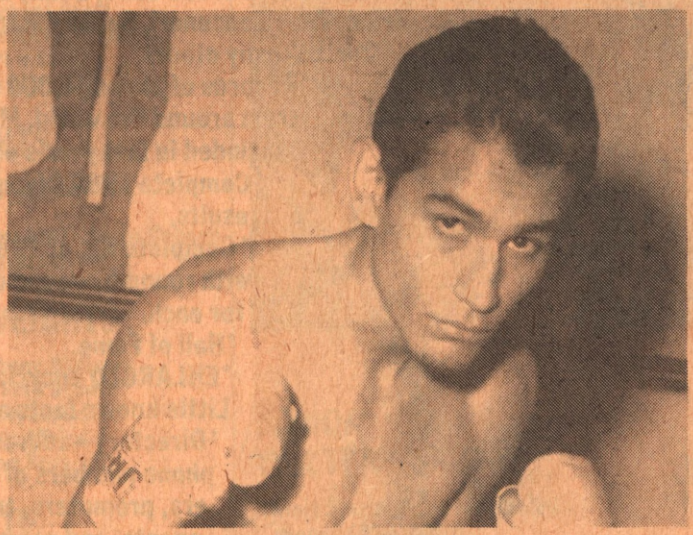
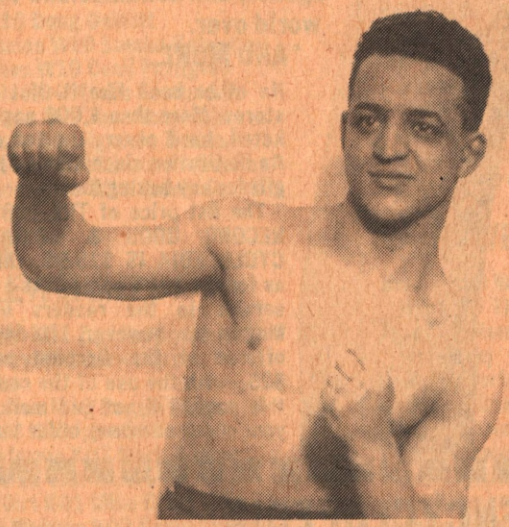
THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

Do you think the flyweight division will ever become popular in the United States?



WBA junior flyweight champion Joey Olivo sees little future for the "small fighter" in the United States.



Frankie Genero was the last American flyweight to capture the imagination of his country's boxing public.

DON MAJESKI *(Matchmaker):*

Not unless we get a kid like Paul Gonzalez out of the Olympics, similar to Leonard, who can get a few TV dates and generate interest. Even so, I don't see how we could sustain it. There just aren't enough good American fighters at that weight. The flyweight division has always seemed to me to be a regional thing—the Orient, Latin America, and Mexican-Americans. An American flyweight is like a heavyweight in Thailand.

J. RUSSELL PELTZ *(Promoter):*

No. There aren't enough good American flyweights, and the networks aren't even interested in bantamweights, let alone flies. (WBA champion Richard) Sandoval can't even get a TV date.

TOM KENVILLE *(Publicist):*

No. The people aren't interested in small fighters in the U.S. They're interested in heavyweights, light heavies, middleweights—fighters who can punch.

MICHAEL R. JONES *(Manager of Bill Costello):*

I just don't think so. There just aren't enough American fighters who can hold their weight at 112 pounds. Even making 118 is a strain, and most of the U.S. bantamweights are Mexican-Americans on the west coast.

NICK KERASIOTIS *(WBA Treasurer):*

Only in certain areas, like California, Arizona, Texas, and other border states. I don't think you have enough small fighters here. American youth is getting bigger, and people from other countries who settle here soon see their children get bigger, too. There are few good American bantamweights, and fighters from the Orient who want to come here are discouraged by the lack of suitable opponents.

ROBERT YALEN *(NABF Ratings Committee):*

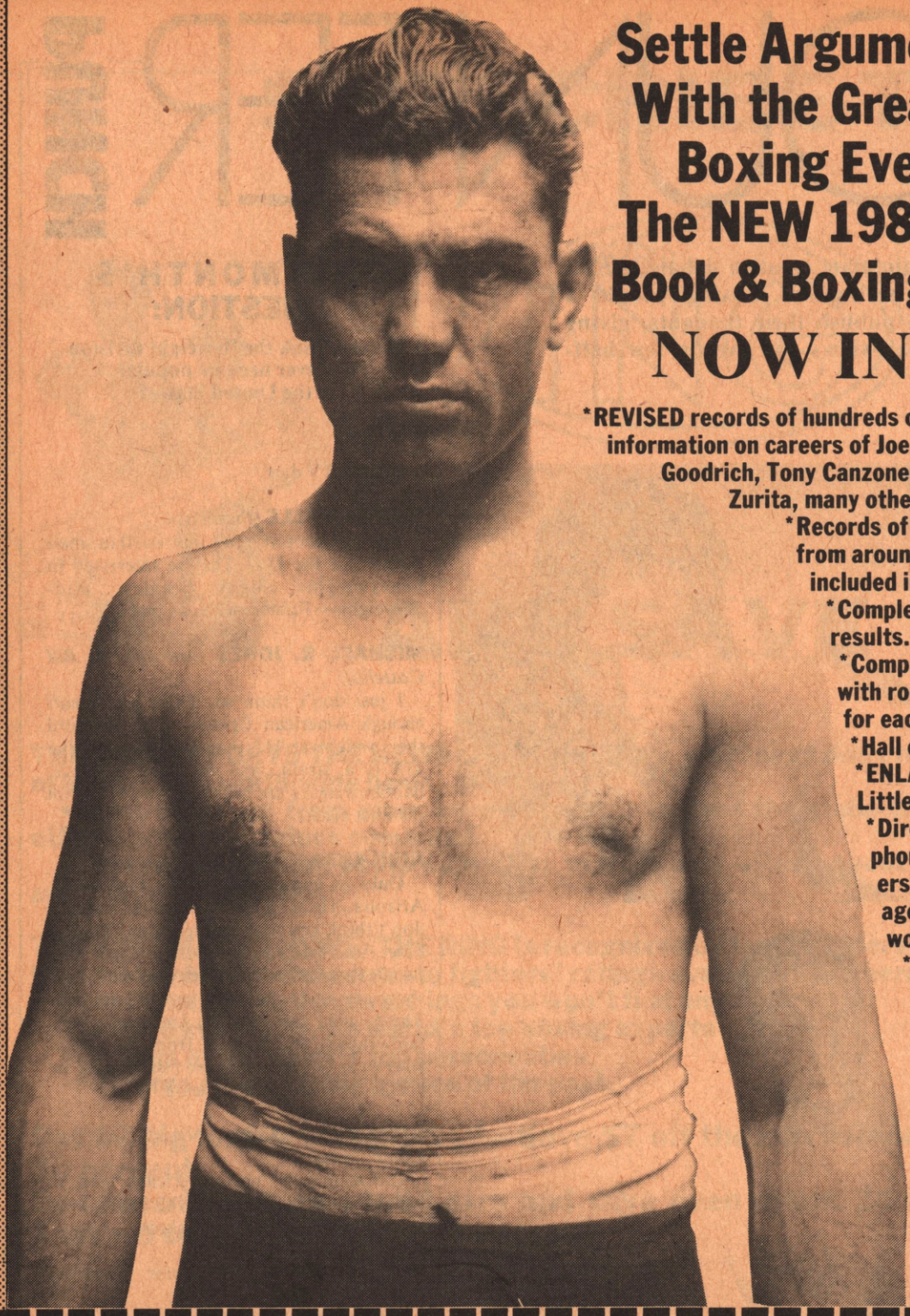
Unfortunately, no. Americans tend to believe that "the biggest is the best." As a result, they like the larger fighters.

JOEY OLIVO *(WBA junior flyweight champion, and an American):*

It's very hard, because there are so few small fighters in the U.S. Most of the flyweights and junior flyweights are in the Orient.

SANTIAGO J. VILLAZON *(Editor, The Ring en Espanol):*

I honestly don't know. The people in the U.S. like the heavyweights because they score a lot of knockouts. It would take a very good fighter to stimulate interest in the flyweights.



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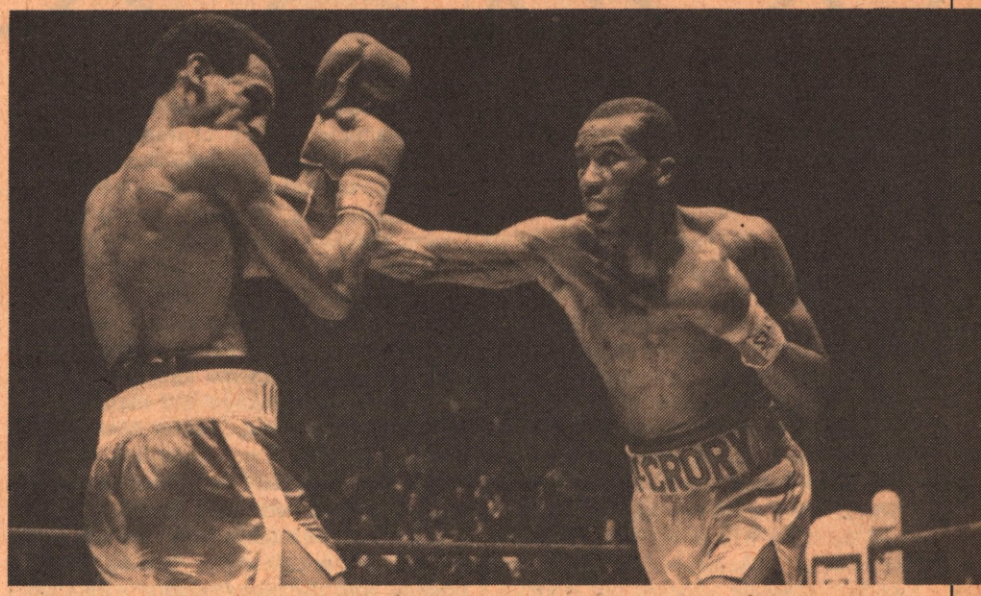
WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS

WBC welterweight champion Milton McCrory (right)
on his way to an easy unanimous decision over Pedro Vilella March 9, 1985 in Paris, France.



HEAVYWEIGHTS

Larry Holmes KO10 David Bey
(Retained IBF Title)
Tony Tubbs W10 Bonecrusher Smith
Michael Dokes TW4 Tex Cobb
Tim Witherspoon KO9 Mark Wills
Frank Bruno KO1 Lucien Rodriguez
Reggie Gross KO9 Jimmy Clark
Buster Douglas KO1 Dion Simpson
Jesse Ferguson KO4 Richard Scott
Tony Anthony W8 Eddie Richardson
Michael Greer W8 Andrew Stokes
Mike Tyson KO1 Hector Mercedes

CRUISERWEIGHTS

Piet Crous KO3 Randy Stephens
(Retained WBA Title)
Eddie Mustafa Muhammad KO7 Oscar Holman
George Graham KO4 David Cherry

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Jim MacDonald KO3 Johnny Williams
Evander Holyfield KO1 Fred Brown
Ian Mattis KO7 Delbert Williams
Jack Johnson KO8 Charles Price
Dennis Andries KO3 Jose Seys

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Don Lee D10 Doug DeWitt
Duane Thomas W10 Sumbu Kalambay
Mark Holmes W10 Cecil Pettigrew
Ayub Kalule KO4 Mauro Fernandez
Herol Graham KO5 Jose Rosemain
Errol Christie KO1 Ignacio Zavala
Charles Campbell KO3 Jon Michel Roy
Mario Maldonando W10 Randy Smith

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

John Mugabi KO1 Earl Hargrove
Donald Curry KO2 James Green
(non-title)
David Braxton W10 Reggie Miller
Troy Darrell KO9 Ignacio Carmona
Vito Antuofermo KO3 Mark Allman
Tony Ojo W12 C.D. Moore
Buddy McGirt KO1 Mike Blunt
Sugar Boy Malinga KO2 Gavin Stirrup
Ken Shannon W10 Wilfredo Fernandez

WELTERWEIGHTS

Davey Hilton KO2 Dennis Fain
Pablo Baez KO3 Gilles Elbilia
Allen Braswell KO8 Frank Montgomery
Al Hamza KO8 Pedro Acosta
Judas Clottey KO5 Lloyd Christie
Mark Breland W6 Steve Little

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Ronnie Shields W12 Joe Manley
(Retained NABF Title)
Patrizio Oliva W12 Alessandro Scapecchi
(Retained EBU Title)
Darryl Fuller KO11 Kel Robins
(Won Continental Americas Title)
Brian Baronet W10 Juan Rondon
Paul Barton W10 Joey Solar
Harvey Hester KO6 Edie Flanning
Frankie Warren KO8 Dwayne Prim

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Jimmy Paul W15 Harry Arroyo
(Won IBF Title)
Jose Luis Ramirez KO4 J.W.Walker
(non-title)
Edwin Rosario KO3 Eduardo Valdez
Cornelius Boza-Edwards KO4 Gary Gamble
Harold Brazier KO8 White Lightning Brown
Roger Mayweather KO5 Billy White
Darryll Tyson W10 David Brown
Darryll Tyson KO3 Gerardo Venzor
Frankie Randall KO5 Fred Pendleton
Pernell Whitaker KO4 Michael Golden
Meldrick Taylor KO5 Elias Martinez
Meldrick Taylor KO3 Darrell Curtis
Remo DiCarlo KO11 Mario Cusson
(Retained Canadian Title)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Pat Cowdell KO12 Carlos Hernandez
(Retained EBU Title)
Ralph Aviles KO5 Robert Mullins
Tyrone Jackson KO3 Felix Thereaux
Gino Gerormino W10 Tomas Diaz

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Min-Kuen Oh W15 Irving Michell
(Retained IBF Title)
Barry McGuigan KO2 Farid Gallouze
(Retained EBU Title)
Dana Roston W12 Rocky Garcia
Kelvin Seabrooks KO6 Lane Killian
Loris Stecca KO5 Pat Doherty

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

Johnny Carter KO8 Francis Childs
Jesus Salud KO7 Jeff Hanna

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Jerome Coffee KO3 Steve Guest
Harold Petty KO6 Arturo Tebaqui
Bobbie McDermott KO 3 Gary Roberts

FLYWEIGHTS

Franco Cherchi W12 Alain Limarola
(Won Vacant EBU Title)
Keith Wallace KO8 Juan Castro
Duke McKenzie W10 Julio Guerrero
Joey Olivo W15 Fransico Quiroz
(Won WBA Junior Flyweight Title)

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WHO WAS THE *FIRST* LIGHT

THE 1950 EDITION OF FRANK G. Menke's *All-Sports Record Book* had the following entry under the Light Heavyweight Champions in the section on Boxing.

> James W. Coffroth is generally credited with originating the title in San Francisco, November 25, 1903, when he matched up Bob Fitzsimmons and George Gardner. However, this is disputed and posters are exhibited to prove that Jack Herman promoted a bout in Fort Erie, Ontario (across from Buffalo), July 4, 1903, between Jack Root and George Gardner, both weighing 165, and declared it was for the "light heavyweight championship of the world." Gardner knocked out Root in 12 rounds and was given a belt emblamatic of the championship. Thus, in November of the same year, when Coffroth matched Fitzsimmons and Gardner, the latter actually was defending his newly won title.

Nat Fleischer, founder of *The Ring*, had long been aware of this. As early as 1942, his *All-Time Ring Record Book* had honored Lou Houseman, sports editor of the Chicago *Inter-Ocean* and manager of Jack Root, as the real founder of the light heavyweight division. According to information supplied by Root himself, Houseman had "conceived the idea that a grade should be established to include men between the middle class, then set at 158 pounds, and the heavyweights, with such big fellows as Jim Jeffries, scaling 216 pounds as leader."

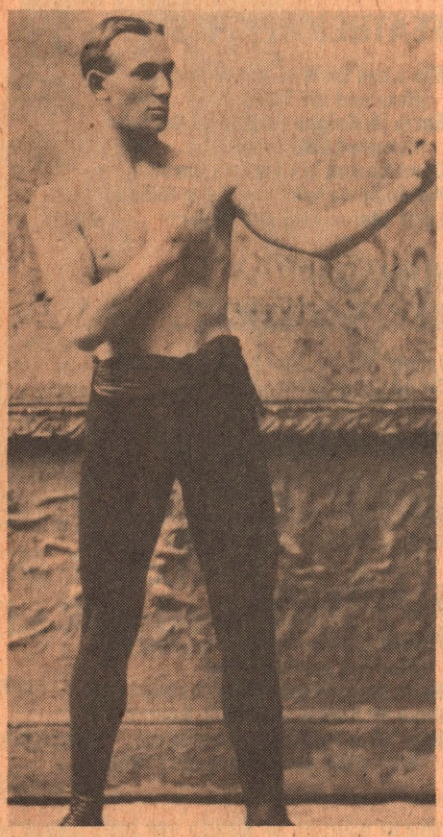
Root—and Fleischer—maintained that Houseman matched Root against the veteran Charles (Kid) McCoy in a 10-round bout at the Light Gaurd Armory in Detroit for the championship of the new division, Root winning the decision of referee Bat Masterson. Root subsequently lost to Gardner on July 4 by a knockout in 12 rounds, with Gardner losing to Fitzsimmons four months later.

So it has come down. Various rumors, however, were adrift which said the light heavyweight division—and title—had existed several years earlier. Certain references to Joe Choynski as world light heavyweight champion at the turn of the century already existed in the poster collection of Jim Jacobs. Was there any validity to them?

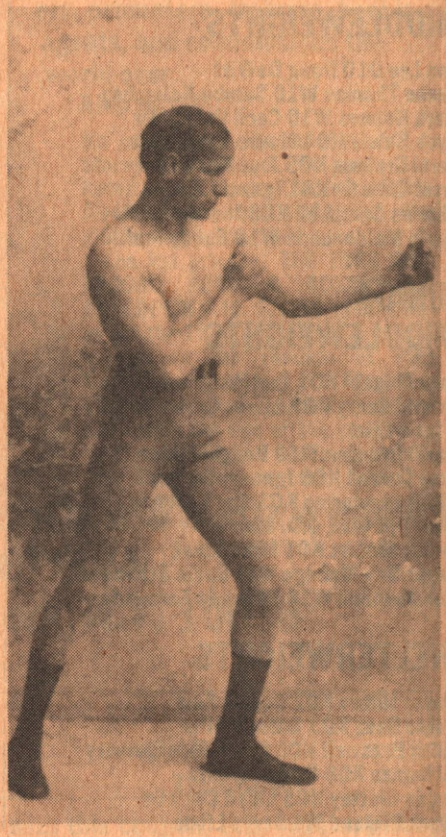
Lawrence Fielding, one of the country's leading boxing scholars, finally found the following item in the August 24, 1899 issue of the Washington *Post*.

> Dubuque, Iowa, Aug. 23—The Dubuque Athletic Association has matched Australian Jimmy Ryan and Joe Choynski. Ryan is training at Bath Beach, L.I. and Choynski at Denver. This fight will be for the light heavy-weight championship.

This was startling—a contemporary reference to a nineteenth century bout as being for the light heavyweight title. The bout was held on August 24, and Choynski won a 20-round decision and, presumably, the vacant title.



Jack Root



Joe Choynski

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION??

What makes this all the more interesting is that the next fight Choynski lost was to Charles (Kid) McCoy. The Kid won when Choynski was unable to answer the bell for the fourth round of a scheduled 25-round bout at the Broadway Athletic Club in Brooklyn on January 12, 1900. The report carried in the Brooklyn *Daily Eagle* is worth reading.

With certain defeat staring him in the face, Kid McCoy was saved from an ignominious knockout, at the Broadway Athletic Club last evening by a blunder on the part of Joe Choynski's own timekeeper. Three times in the second round the Kid had been sent to the floor with right hand smashes on the jaw and was rising to his feet just at the finish of the third count when the timekeeper's bell rang.

Choynski's timekeeper claimed that the Kid had been counted out, and in his excitement reached over and pulled the official timekeeper's arm, releasing the bell. The round had still forty seconds to go, and the crowd, hearing the bell, immediately took it for granted that the fight was over. The seconds of the men dragged the principals to their corners and immediately started to refresh them.

Referee Johnny White ran to the timekeeper's box and called for the bell to be rung for the continuance of the round, but his order was not obeyed. Choynski also realized that the round was short and tried to protest, but was held in his corner by his seconds.

Choynski floored McCoy again in the third round, but the Kid soon recovered, and decked Joe twice in the same frame. The second knockdown of Choynski was accomplished with a right cross thrown as the bell sounded. Joe was knocked completely out, and was unable to answer the bell for the next round. The *Eagle* report does not mention any title, but the bout was fought under championship conditions, with McCoy scaling well below 175 pounds.

The next time that McCoy lost to a man weighing 175 or less was on April 22, 1903—the 10-round fight with Jack Root for the "vacant" world light heavyweight title. We now get a total picture, and the title line runs as follows:

Joe Choynski	1899-1900
Charles (Kid) McCoy	1900-1903
Jack Root	1903
George Gardner	1903
Bob Fitzsimmons	1903-1905
Phila. Jack O'Brien	1905-1907

O'Brien's hold on the title may be said to have lapsed by 1906, when he fought a 20-round draw with Tommy Burns for the world heavyweight title. (Both men scaled below 175, but the bout was advertised as for the heavyweight crown only.) Philadelphia Jack had claimed the heavyweight title in 1905, upon Jeffries' retirement, and never attempted to defend the light heavyweight title.

A check with the Dubuque Public Library now provides another mystery. It seems the Dubuque *Herald* was referring to Choynski as the world light heavyweight champion the day *before* his 1899 fight with Australian Jimmy Ryan. Apparently, Choynski was defending a title he already had when he met Ryan at the Dubuque Race Meet. In what fight, then, did Choynski *win* the title? Or was it merely a personal claim before he beat Australian Jimmy?

Research will continue. In the meantime, it appears certain that Joe Choysnki, long famed for his epic fight with Jim Corbett in 1889 and his three-round kayo of Jack Johnson in 1901, has joined boxing's pantheon of champions. Choynski died in Cincinnati on January 25, 1943, so this is belated recognition.

Whatever Valhalla you're in now, Joe, we salute you. And we give you the time honored appellation "champ."

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New Faces

ANDY NANCE

BY CHRISTOPHER COATS

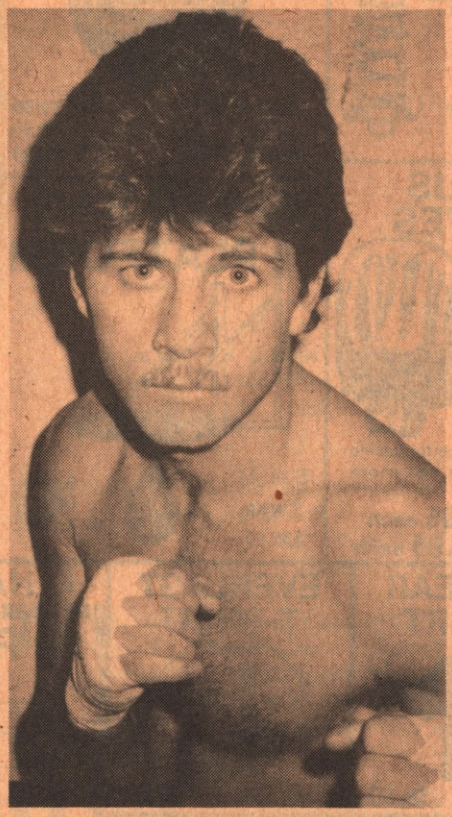
FOR A LONG TIME MARIN COUNTY, California, has been rich and beautiful, and also a terrific place to live if you liked hottubs, but it never had professional boxing—until just recently. A year and a half ago junior welterweight Andy Nance was promoted at home as a main-event attraction, and lo and behold, a few months later the 22-year old Nance was drawing near sold out crowds, making once deprived Marin one of the hottest areas for boxing in Northern California.

In his last bout Nance captured the state junior-welterweight title with a unanimous decision over hardnosed Martin Quiro and pushed his record to 19-1-1, with 11 knockouts. Though he has stirred up a lot of excitement among Bay Area boxing fans, Nance is still a few more wins away from breaking into the world ratings.

Outside the ring Nance doesn't exactly fit the usual stereotypes of a prizefighter. In his third year at San Francisco State University, Andy plays racketball at the local health spas, lives in middle-class San Rafael, and drives a shiny BMW around town. He doesn't wear ridiculous clothes, brag, or act like a weirdo.

"I got into boxing because I love competition and the sport," Nance says. "I want to find out how good I can become, what I can accomplish. A year ago I never would have said that I belonged in the ring with an Aaron Pryor. Now I can see where it could happen one day."

Born in East London, and half Turkish, Nance came to America with his mother at age 10 and joined relatives in Marin. Two years later he started boxing as an amateur and had 135 fights, winning 117, before turning pro three years ago. Since then he has beaten some promising newcomers and some solid clubfighters, such as Jorge Morales, Frankie Moultrie, Guy Villegas, Hector Sifuentes, and very tough Martin Quiroz. But there have been moments in some of his bouts when he seemed to be daydreaming, and other times when he became too eager to trade punches, as if the cheers of his fans influenced his judgment. But despite these lapses, he has shown himself as a polished and gifted



fighter. He has one loss and a draw on his record and both are to his credit. In his first 10-round bout he lost a split-decision to Eddie Nuno in Reno. A year later Andy fulfilled an ESPN contract to face Roberto Juarez although he had a 103 temperature three days before the fight.

"When people ask me what I do," Andy says, "I tell them that I am a student. I don't feel that I have really established myself yet. My dream was to make it to the Olympics. I had a chance to go to the Nationals—but I hadn't applied for U.S. citizenship yet. I needed a goal to go after and I was fortunate to find people I trusted to manage me."

There are managers who have been around for decades, but likely to his credit, Andy signed with three San Francisco businessmen who had no prior experience in the sport. So far, long time managers aren't critical of Lew Abramson, and Joe and Marv Pheffer, probably envious. Not surprisingly, the promoter who has staged Nance's local bouts, Joe Burke, came into the business as a complete novice, and yet his last show drew a SRO crowd and a gross gate of $29,000!

There are other main-event performers in the Bay Area who deserve recognition, and oddly, perhaps the two best of the lot are the same weight as Nance. Eric "The Prince" Martin of San Franciso has finally gained due notice of his skills, while down in San Jose undefeated Mitchell Julien is improving rapidly, though neither fighter has become a boxoffice smash.

It takes a long time to develop talent, but the history of boxing shows that you can't hold on to it for very long. "I have a lot of self-confidence," Andy says, "I've sparred with Bobby Chacon and Billy Costello, and I've had some real tough fights that have taught me things about myself. Sure I like to hear the fans cheering for me. But I don't let it go to my head. The cheering doesn't last long, but what you make of yourself is something you'll always have in your life." □

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF ANDY NANCE

California Junior Welterweight

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
1982			
May 4	Juan M. Hernandez	Sacramento	KO5
Jul 17	Jerry Lewis	San Rafael	W 6
Aug 6	Leonardo Medina	San Rafael	KO 1
Aug 27	Jery Reyes	San Francisco	KO2
Sept 10	Guy Villegas	San Rafael	W 6
Oct 20	Eddie Walker	Eugene	W 6
Nov 18	San Sanchez	San Rafael	KO 3
1983			
Mar 17	Henry Drummond	Eugene	KO 1
Apr 9	Leland Hart	Pacifica	W 8
Apr 28	Romero Sandoval	Santa Rosa	KO 2
May 18	Sam Wilson	Reno	KO 2
Aug 24	Eddie Nuno	Reno	L 10
Sept 15	Frankie Moulrie	San Rafael	KO 1
Nov 17	Romero Olivetti	San Rafael	KO 1
1984			
Jan 25	Rosendo Ramirez	San Rafael	W 10
Feb 10	Hector Sifuentes	Las Vegas	KO 10
Mar 21	Jorge Morales	San Rafael	W 10
May 31	Roberto Juarez	Las Vegas	D 10
Oct 10	Chuck Peralta	San Rafael	TW 4
1985			
Jan 24	Mario Rodriguez	Marin	KO 3
Mar 21	Martin Quiroz	San Rafael	W 12

(Won California State Junior Welterweight Title)

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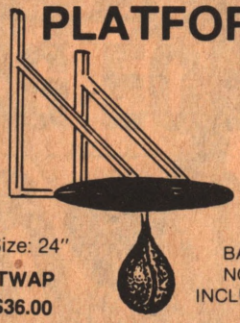

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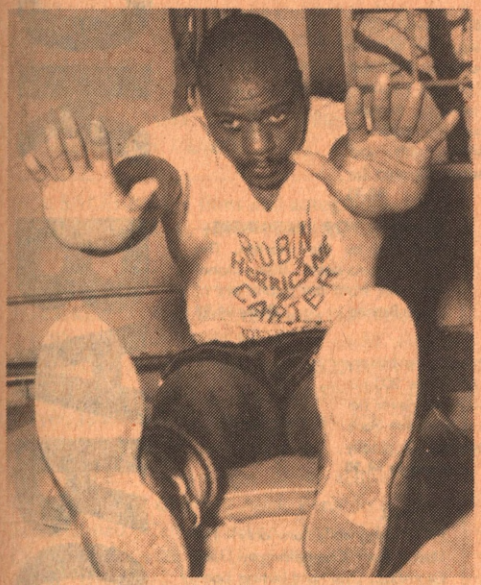

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Rubin 'Hurricane' Carter: still doing time in the slammer.

Q Is Ruben (Hurricane) Carter still in prison?

ROBERT ZILLGITT
Troy, New York

A *Carter is still serving a life sentence.*

Q Has there ever been a "double knockout?"

—MARTHA NESMITH
Dallas, Texas

A There have been several. In Detroit on February 12, 1941, Sammy Secreet and Pat Carroll both went down and out in the seventh round. Referee Rosen called it a double knockout, but the Michigan State Commission called it a "no contest." Other "double knockouts" include Pat Kissinger-Al Dorlac, Pete Giacoma-Dick Diamond, George Dawson-Ed Graney, Sam Fitzpatrick-Paddy Meehan, Young Dutch-Young Betts, Ed Hagne-George Skulky, Jack Bowens-Whitney Hutton, Kiyoaki Nakanishi-Noboru Miyamoto, and Tony Lythgoe-Stan Simpson. (The Ad Wolgast-Joe Rivers world lightweight title bout of July 4, 1912 was actually a double knockout, but referee Jack Welch picked Wolgast up and counted Rivers out.)

Q When and where did Muhammad Ali make his pro debut?

JOHN FOYER
Duluth, Minn.

A *Ali, then known as Cassius Clay, made his pro debut against Tunney Hunsaker in a six-round bout at Freedom Hall in Louisville on October 29, 1960. Ali won via a unanimous decision.*

Q Has a bout ever been scheduled for more than 15 rounds in New York State?

—TIM LA BUSH
Red Bank, N.J.

A *Not since 1900, when the Horton Law was repealed. The Horton Law had governed boxing in New York since November, 1896, and allowed gloved contests with no limit to the number of rounds. From 1900 to 1908, three-round bouts were permitted on a "club membership" basis, each arena listed as a "private club" to which nightly "membership" fees were charged. In 1908, six-rounders were permitted, and the maximum number of frames was extended to 10 the following year. In 1911, the Frawley Law brought sanctioned boxing back to New York, with 10 rounds the limit and no officials decision permitted. The Frawley Law was repealed in 1917, and the Walker Law, which went into effect May 24, 1920, allowed a maximum of 15 rounds. It has been that way ever since.*

Q Which boxer had the longest pro career?

—OZZIE STECHER
Bronx, New York

A *Jem Mace had his first fight in 1855 and his last in 1890. Mace, however, had retired in 1871, and his 1890 "comeback" bout against Charley Mitchell was strictly a postscript to what had been a brilliant career. Kid Azteca, who made his pro debut as "Kid Chino" in Mexico City early in 1929, had the longest continuous ring career. Azteca, who did not hang up his gloves until 1929, had close to 250 professional bouts, scoring more than 100 knockouts.*

Q Who did the footwork for Errol Flynn in the picture, *Gentleman Jim*?

—JACK KEYES
Riverdale, Calif.

A *Billy Conn.*

Q Was Dick Tiger ever knocked out prior to his fight against Bob Foster?

—JOHN HARRIS
Ottawa, Ontario

A *Tommy West stopped him after seven rounds in a bout for the Nigerian middleweight title in Lagos on May 6, 1953.*

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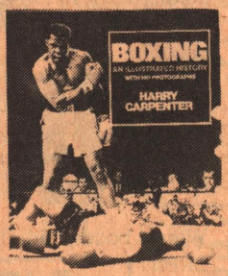

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LARRY HOLMES VS. THE ALL-TIME GREATS

RING HISTORIAN HERBERT G. GOLDMAN PICKS HOLMES OVER JOHNSON, DEMPSEY, LOUIS, TUNNEY, MARCIANO, AND LISTON

TRUE HISTORY DEMANDS PERSPECtive. Until now, Larry Holmes has been relegated to a shadowy land of heavyweight champions regarded as neither great nor not great by boxing historians. Sonny Liston has resided in that land for two decades. When pressed, fight experts will admit Liston's greatness, shrugging their shoulders in a gesture of "Yeah, but . . ." The "but" is never explained.

So it is with Larry Holmes. For six years, fight fans' major complaint about Holmes was that he was not Ali. Only very recently, especially after his last (?) fight with David Bey, have experts seriously acknowledged Larry as an all-time great.

Six heavyweight champions are generally considered to have been among "the greatest." They are: Jack Johnson, Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, and Muhammad Ali. To this half dozen I have added the name Sonny Liston. Now I add Larry Holmes.

To offer a fair, sober judgment on the merits of these fighters as compared to those of Holmes is never easy. Boxing is an emotional sport, especially where its fans are concerned. This is an honest attempt, if nothing more.

Evaluating Jack Johnson as a fighter is always a challenge, especially since his fistic prowess has been somewhat relegated to the back seat due to the interest that has been shown in his private life *vis-a-vis* the "white establishment." Johnson's career must be viewed differently from that of Holmes for one basic reason: Jack made his greatest showings from about 1903-1910—basically before he became champ. Larry did not become a great fighter until after he became champion.

Johnson's reputation is hurt by the poor form exhibited—on film as well as in contemporary accounts—by his white opponents. The 175-pound Fireman Jim Flynn is downright pathetic against Johnson in films of their July 4, 1912 fight. Jeffries looks like he would have given Tex Cobb a fair battle in the 1910 film of his fight with Johnson, but nothing more. Tommy Burns was a very good fighter, but any notion that a 5'7" supper middleweight (Burns weighed only 168 for Johnson) would be a serious threat to the heavyweight championship today would be laughed at in any saloon.

Johnson had a rather laid back style. ("If you wouldn't hurt Jack, he wouldn't hurt you," Joe Jeannette, a contemporary black 190-pounder, said.) He was a beautiful counterpuncher, a masterful feinter, and one of the great ring generals of all-time, with a right uppercut that severely jolted heavyweights and knocked world middleweight king Stan Ketchel cold. He beat the game Burns unmercifully, tortured Jeffries (Johnson could have kayoed Jeff anytime after the fifth if he had pressed), and toyed with Flynn. Watching Jack fight is like watching a dull chess game, and you're never sure what he would do if in a fight with someone of nearly equal skill. (Willard simply wore down Johnson in their scheduled 45-rounder in 1915.)

The best way of assessing Johnson's skill is probably by reading the accounts of his battles with men like Sam McVea in the early 1900s. He gave McVea a beat beating in both of their fights, chopped up a 156-pound Sam Langford badly over 15 rounds in Chelsea, Mass., in 1906, and fought a few surprisingly even battles with Jeannette. Johnson, however, scored the only victory, aside from one fight won by Jeannette on a foul.

Holmes, on the other hand, was virtually sneared at until he won an upset unanimous decision over Earnie Shavers and clinched a shot at WBC champion Ken Norton. Prior to that, Larry was little more than a journeyman, struggling to outpoint Tom Prater in the U.S. Championship Tournament.

Holmes comes out ahead, however, if we compare title reigns. Larry successfully defended his crown 19 times against the best men the division had to offer. (He ducked no one outside of Greg Page.) Johnson virtually sat on his title—both because of governmental pressure and a cynical reluctance to defend against black fighters.

Stylistically, Holmes would probably have been too much for Johnson in a 15-round title bout. Jack's defensive skills might have saved him from a knockout, and he might have jarred Larry with some counterpunches, but Holmes' superior combos, speed, and size would probably have overwhelmed the Johnson of 1908.

Jack Dempsey was the target of tremendous criticism in the 1970s and early

Larry Holmes enjoys the thrill of victory—maybe for the last time—following his 10 round TKO over David Bey. It was Larry's 19th successful title defense.

Photo by Chris Farina

'80s. Critics derided his opponents—Carpentier (a puffed up middleweight), Firpo (a crude slugger), and Willard (an old man at 37 when he fought Manassa Jack). Many have disparaged Jack's pre-title record, too, but Dempsey absolutely ran through the heavyweight division in 1918--blitzing opponents like Carl Morris, Arthur Pelkey, Gunboat Smith, and Fred Fulton. Fulton, kayoed in less than half a minute, was the number one contender—a big (6'4", 210-pound) man with a good left jab and—wonder of wonders—a good *left uppercut!!* Jack's fast bobbing and weaving, combinations, and ferociously hard punching knocked Fred out in probably the quickest fight in history between top contenders.

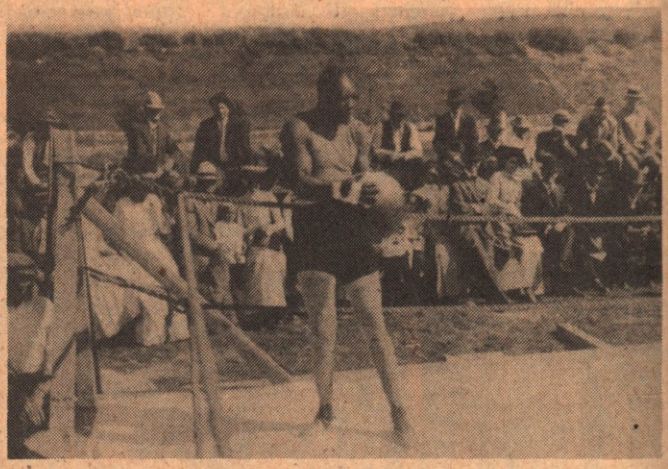
Jack fought 21 times that year—scoring 17 kayoes, engaging in two "no decision" bouts with Billy Miske, and losing a four-round decision to Willie Meehan in a benefit bout held in San Francisco. Meehan, admittedly, had Dempsey's number in four-round affairs. They met five times in all—two wins for Meehan, one for Dempsey, and two draws. (Kearns later said that one of the draws should have been called a win for Dempsey.)

Kearns steered Jack clear of black fighters—a policy Tex Rickard followed after Dempsey became champ. (Jack had fought Anamas Campbell, Boston Bearcat, George Christian, and John Lester Johnson, among, possibly, other blacks, before going under Kearn's management in the summer of 1917.) As champion for seven years, Dempsey sat on his title for two years at one point (July, 1921-July, 1923) and three years (September, 1923-September, 1926) at another. Larry Holmes, by contrast, defended his title 19 times (against five defenses for Jack) in the same period of time.

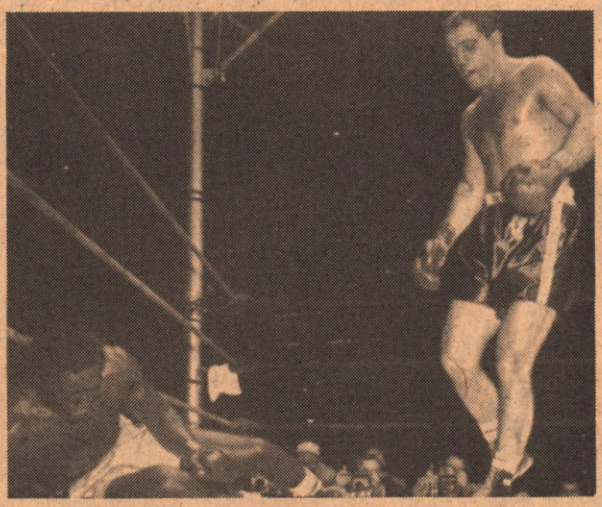
Only Dempsey, Louis, and Liston decimated the heavyweight division en route to becoming champion, so Jack did have a better pre-title record than Larry. Had the two met in actual ring combat—what a fight!!—Larry would have been facing a fighter with the punch of Earnie Shavers, fast, hard combos, and a kamikazee attack. Dempsey's size, 6'1" and 190 pounds, would have been against him, but Jack always specialized in destroying the big boys. Holmes, however, was a boxer—Jack always had trouble with them—and one with a jab the likes of which Dempsey never saw. An even money fight, with the edge going to Holmes.

Gene Tunney had a good, scientifically applied jab, but hardly a great one. He perfected his use of the right against Dempsey, whom he studied, long and hard, to beat. Gene's pre-title record was almost perfect, with a 15-round decision loss to Harry Greb his only defeat. Tunney avenged that loss in four subsequent fights with Greb, and was the only man to ever kayo Tommy Gibbons and Bartley Madden—one a fine boxer, the other a tough, durable opponent who stood up to Harry Wills for 15 rounds. Gene was a light heavy until 1925, and he actually went on a milk diet to build himself up to 190 pounds for Dempsey. Tunney retired after

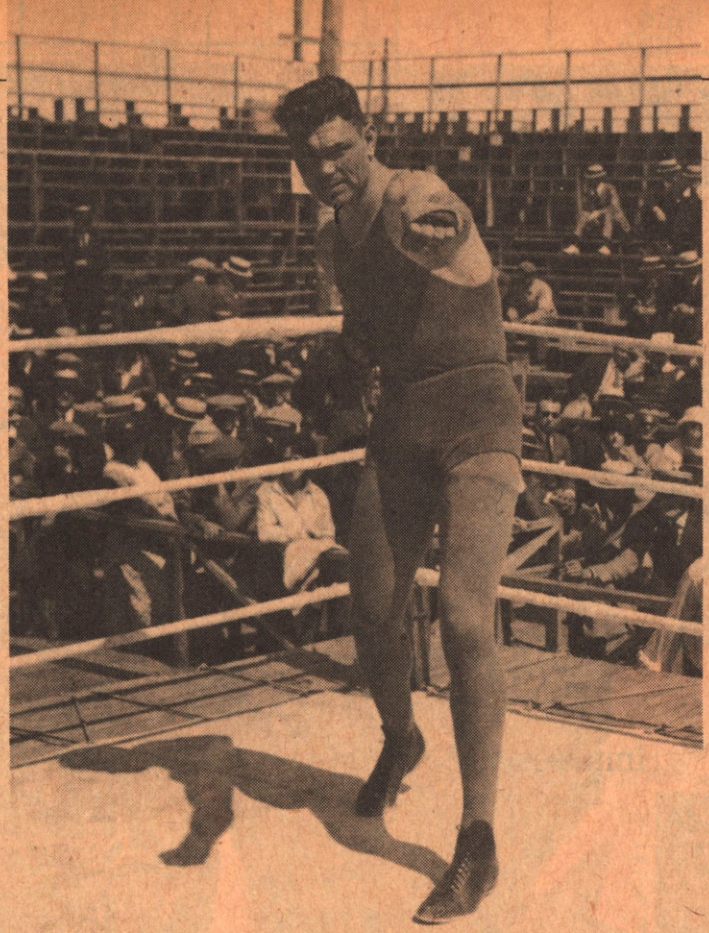
Although Joe Louis was a fantastic fighting machine, he always had problems with crafty boxers. Could the "Brown Bomber" have overcome Holmes' jab and movement to deliver a knockout blow?



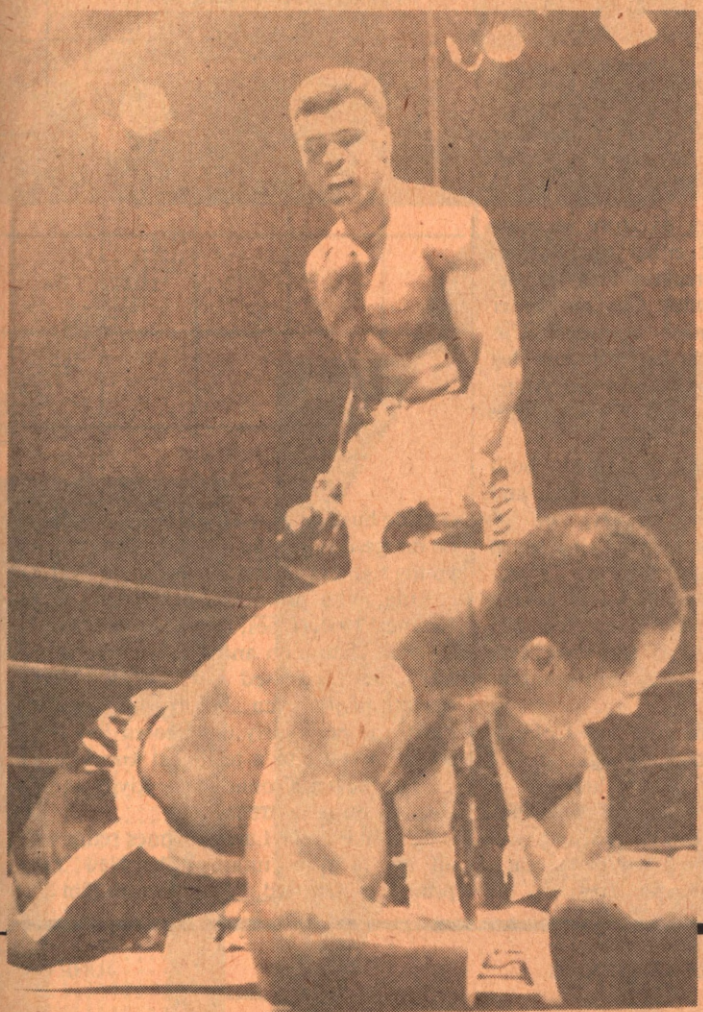
Jack Johnson, pictured here during an outdoors sparring session, was a great tactician, but often dull to watch.



Rocky Marciano overcame a badly cut nose to stop Ezzard Charles in the eighth round of their 1954 title bout. But could Rocky have survived against a man of Holmes' size and skill?



Jack Dempsey possessed one of the most savage attacks in the history of the heavyweight division. Unfortunately, Jack did most of his fighting before *he won the championship.*



Muhammad Ali as he looked in his prime, knocking out Zora Folley in New York's Madison Square Garden, March 22, 1967.

two title defenses, so any comparison of his championship reign with Holmes' is out of the question.

Holmes, as has been said, was vulnerable to right hands. If Tunney were to land the right with force . . . who knows? The odds, however, are that Gene would have been kayoed by round 12.

Holmes vs. Louis? Joe, like Larry, was a fighting champ—25 defenses in 11 years, counting time out for military service during World War II. Louis' pre-title record was, of course, superior to Larry's; Joe almost decapitated every contender except Max Schmeling, and then kayoed Max in 2:04 in a championship contest. Again, however, Joe had trouble with the boxers—men like Bob Pastor and Billy Conn—and neither Bob nor Billy had Holmes' jab, combinations, speed, and size. Edge to Larry Holmes again.

Larry vs. Rocky Marciano? No contest, from this point of view. Rocky was simply too small—5'10¼" and 186 with a 68" reach—to do anything against a man Larry's size who could throw a jab 100 miles an hour. Larry by a TKO inside of 10.

Now we come to a ferocious fight—Holmes vs. Sonny Liston. Liston was a cruelly brilliant fighter who could seemingly solve anybody's style till he ran into Ali. His pre-title record was far superior to Larry's, but Muhammad kept Sonny from having an appreciable reign as champion. A Holmes-Liston contest would have been sensational—Sonny's long, slamming python left hook, quick two-punch combos, and murderous attack against Holmes' jabbing, quick punching, speed, and combinations. Holmes has been found to be vulnerable to right hands, but the left was Sonny's best weapon. (Then again, Liston could cross a man up with his right.) Holmes on points—if he manages to avoid a knockout.

How would Holmes have done against Ali in Muhammad's prime—c. 1967? Muhammad's foot speed was greater than Holmes', and his jab, if not as punishing, than more consistently annoying. In a battle of left jabs, Ali's superior reach and ability to take a punch would probably have seen him the victor on points. But, once again—what a fight!!

Is Larry Holmes an all-time great? Yes, yes, yes. He is one of the top 10—and probably top five—greatest fighters of all-time. You could even make a good case for his being number one.

Holmes was not the most congenial, or the most colorful of heavyweight champions. But he was a great technical performer who got the job done efficiently. As such, he was a champion well suited to our times. □

HOLMES' LAST HURRAH?

Heavyweight Champion Leaves The 'Door Open' Following Impressive Knockout Over David Bey.

BY JACK WELSH

LAS VEGAS, NV—ANY DAY NOW YOU may read where some bold promoter has put together a package which will take Larry Holmes' alleged retirement out of the pending category.

"Bold" is indeed the correct word considering the undefeated International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion made it quite clear after dispatching David Bey last March in Las Vegas that he "is only interested in fighting little guys."

Half serious, half in jest, the 35-year-old Holmes implied the only opponent blocking his formal abdication June 9 in his adopted home town of Easton, Pa., would be Michael Spinks.

The promoter must not only guarantee Holmes between $3 and $4 million, a lot of it up front, but he must also figure out how to sell such an unbalanced production to the public and television networks.

A most accomplished craftsman, Spinks is the undisputed, unbeaten world light heavyweight champion. The last time on public display, the 28-year old Philadelphian was nearly four pounds under the division's 175-pound limit in dismantling a mediocre David Sears at Atlantic City. If Michael needs any research on such folly, somebody should remind him of what happened to Bob Foster, one of the greatest light heavyweight monarchs ever, when Bob had the brass to challenge Smokin' Joe Frazier's reign when both were in their prime.

It's hard to imagine Don King or even Bob Arum making an overture to meet Holmes' demands. If either did, there's still Butch Lewis to reckon with. Lewis, who promotes in Atlantic City and other environs, holds Spinks' contract. Understandably, he wants an arm and leg before sending out such a pleasant young man as Michael to become Holmes' 48th straight victim.

Eddie Futch, having trained both champions, is the man in the middle, and he speaks his mind without reservation.

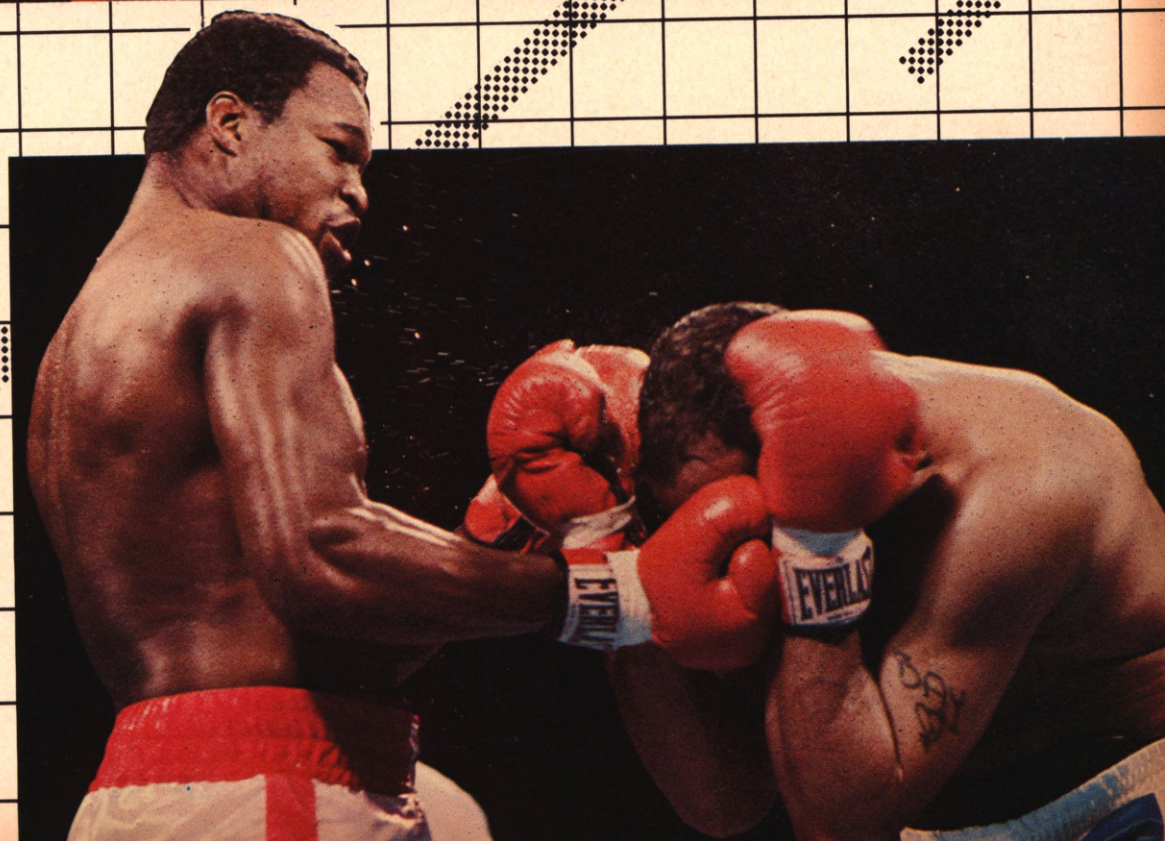
"I want Larry to go out looking sharp like he did against Bey," said the 73-year old conditioner. "The champ is joking about fighting Gerry Cooney for $25 million. Cooney still has to fight somebody to prove himself, and Larry isn't going to wait around that long.

"If I had the deciding vote on a Holmes-Spinks match, mine would be negative. If it somehow came to pass, there is a possibility I would be neutral and back away. I hope Larry stays retired, but with his style he could go on a few more years. Yet with this division of interests in his outside businesses, Larry would be walking on dangerous ground because today's good young fighters will be getting better."

King, who promoted practically all of Holmes' 19 defenses, first as World Boxing Council champion and the last two as the IBF's best, released Larry of all future commitments even before he knocked down the previously undefeated Bey three times en route to a technical knockout at 2:58 of the tenth round in the Riviera hotel-casino's outdoor arena.

"I'd like to see Larry Holmes retire with all his faculties intact," the New York promoter admitted. "I want to see him quit

Challenger David Bey catches Larry Holmes with a left hook during the early going, but the IBF titleholder soon took the starch out of Bey and stormed back for a TKO victory in the 10th round.



Larry Holmes pierces David Bey's defenses with a right uppercut. It was the champion's vast experience that enabled him to record his 47th consecutive victory.

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES ☆ . . . . . Easton, Pa.
1. **Pinklon Thomas**** . . . . . Wyncotte, Pa.
2. **Greg Page*** . . . . . Louisville, Ky.
3. **Tim Witherspoon** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Gerrie Coetzee** . . . . . South Africa
5. **Mike Weaver** . . . . . Diamond Bar, Calif.
6. **Michael Dokes** . . . . . Akron, Ohio
7. **David Bey** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
8. **James Broad** . . . . . Wildwood, N.J.
9. **Tony Tubbs** . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
10. **Gerry Cooney** . . . . . Huntington, N.Y.

11. James Smith 12. Carl Williams 13. Tony Tucker 14. Trevor Berbick 15. Marvis Frazier 16. John Tate 17. Frank Bruno 18. Eddie Gregg 19. Jeff Sims 20. Mitchell Green.

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS (SUGAR) DE LEON** . . . . . Puerto Rico
1. **Piet Crous*** . . . . . South Africa
2. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** . . . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. **Osvaldo Ocasio** . . . . . Puerto Rico
4. **Anthony Davis** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
5. **Lee Roy Murphy** ☆ . . . . . Chicago, Ill.
6. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi** . . . . . Camden, N.J.
7. **John Odhiambo** . . . . . Uganda
8. **Alfonso Ratliff** . . . . . Chicago, Ill.
9. **Henry Hearns** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
10. **Rickey Parkey** . . . . . Atlantic City, N.J.

11. Bernard Benton 12. Chisanda Mutti 13. Marvin Camel 14. Bashiru Ali 15. David Pearce.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS* ** ☆ . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi** . . . . . Camden, N.J.
2. **Eddie Davis** . . . . . Freeport, N.Y.
3. **Marvin Johnson** . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.
4. **Prince Mama Mohammad** . . . . . Ghana
5. **Jim MacDonald** . . . . . Fort Worth, Texas
6. **Grover Robinson** . . . . . Fremont, Calif.
7. **Willie Edwards** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
8. **David Sears** . . . . . Queens, N.Y.
9. **Jean-Marie Emebe** . . . . . Cameroon
10. **Tim Broady** . . . . . Jersey City, N.J.

11. Fulgencio Obelmejias 12. Pete McIntyre 13. Alex Blanchard 14. Lotte Mwale 15. J.B. Williamson.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER* ** ☆ . . . . . Brockton, Mass.
1. **Thomas Hearns** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2. **John Mugabi** . . . . . Uganda
3. **James Shuler** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **James Kinchen** . . . . . San Diego, Calif.
5. **Don Lee** . . . . . Gary, Ind.
6. **Mustafa Hamsho** . . . . . Syria
7. **Tony Sibson** . . . . . England
8. **Dwight Davison** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
9. **Doug DeWitt** . . . . . Yonkers, New York
10. **Curtis Parker** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Alex Ramos 12. Herol Graham 13. Chong-Pal Park 14. Murray Sutherland 15. John Collins 16. Mark Holmes.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
1. **Mike McCallum*** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
2. **John Mugabi** . . . . . Uganda
3. **Carlos Santos** ☆ . . . . . Puerto Rico
4. **Davey Moore** . . . . . Bronx, N.Y.
5. **Mark Medal** . . . . . Jersey City, N.J.
6. **David Braxton** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
7. **Buster Drayton** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
8. **Julian Jackson** . . . . . Stockton, Calif.
9. **Fred Hutchings** . . . . . Virgin Islands
10. **Donald Curry** . . . . . Ft. Worth, Texas

11. Matthew Hilton 12. Darnell Knox 13. Francisco DeJesus 14. James Green 15. Earl Hargrove 16. Wilfred Benitez 17. Willie Harris.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Donald Curry*** ☆ . . . . . Ft. Worth, Texas
2. **Milton McCrory**** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
3. **Tommy Ayers** . . . . . Wales
4. **Colin Jones** . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
5. **Simon Brown** . . . . . Washington, D.C.
6. **Maurice Blocker** . . . . . Washington, D.C.
7. **Jerome Kinney** . . . . . Highland Park, Mich.
8. **Herman Montes** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
9. **Pedro Vilella** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
10. **Carlos Trujillo** . . . . . Panama

11. Johnny Bumphus 12. Marlon Starling 13. Lloyd Honeyghan 14. Nino LaRocca 15. Horace Shufford.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Aaron Pryor** ☆ . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
2. **Bill Costello**** . . . . . Kingston, N.Y.
3. **Gene Hatcher*** . . . . . Ft. Worth, Texas
4. **Ronnie Shields** . . . . . Port Arthur, Texas
5. **Leroy Haley** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
6. **Saoul Mamby** . . . . . Bronx, N.Y.
7. **Rene Arredondo** . . . . . Mexico
8. **Gary Hinton** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
9. **Patrizio Oliva** . . . . . Italy
10. **Clinton McKenzie** . . . . . England

11. Ubaldo Sacco 12. Hugo Hernandez 13. Billy Famous 14. Hideka Akai 15. Joe Louis Manley 16. Brian Baronet 17. Lorenzo Garcia 18. Reyes Cruz.

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*** WBA AND WBC CHAMPION
☆ IBF CHAMPION

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Livingstone Bramble*** . . . . . Passaic, N.J.
2. **Jose Luis Ramirez**** . . . . . Mexico
3. **Tyrone Crawley** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Jimmy Paul** ☆ . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
5. **Harry Arroyo** . . . . . Youngstown, Ohio
6. **Edwin Rosario** . . . . . Puerto Rico
7. **Ray Mancini** . . . . . Youngstown, Ohio
8. **Hector Camacho** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
9. **Howard Davis, Jr.** . . . . . Glen Cove, N.Y.
10. **Terrance Alli** . . . . . New York, N.Y.

11. Darryll Tyson 12. Cornelius Boza-Edwards 13. Robin Blake 14. Adolfo Medel 15. Rene Weller.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 130 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROCKY LOCKRIDGE* . . . . . Maple Shade, N.J.
1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** . . . . . Mexico
2. **Roger Mayweather** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
3. **Mario Martinez** . . . . . Mexico
4. **Rafael Solis** . . . . . Puerto Rico
5. **Bobby Chacon** . . . . . Oroville, Calif.
6. **Edgar Castro** . . . . . Venezuela
7. **Kenny Baysmore** . . . . . Washington, D.C.
8. **Pat Cowdell** . . . . . England
9. **Jean Marc Renard** . . . . . Belgium
10. **Dennis Cruz** . . . . . New York, N.Y.

11. Alfredo Layne 12. Refugio Rojas 13. Kamel Bou Ali 14. Yonekura Ikhoni 15. Yoshimitsu Azato 16. Tae-Jin Moon.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EUSEBIO PEDROZA* . . . . . Panama
1. **Azumah Nelson**** . . . . . Ghana
2. **Wilfredo Gomez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3. **Barry McGuigan** . . . . . Ireland
4. **Juan LaPorte** . . . . . Puerto Rico
5. **Marcos Villasana** . . . . . Mexico
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8. **Bernard Taylor** . . . . . Knoxville, Tenn.
9. **Ruben Castillo** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
10. **Min-Keun Oh** ☆ . . . . . Korea

11. Richard Savage 12. Irving Mitchell 13. Adrian Arreola 14. Jorge Lujan, 15. Sergio Zambrano, 16. Ramon Sosa, 17. Lupe Suarez, 18. Oscar Bejines, 19. Tyrone Jackson, 20. Dana Roston

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Victor Callejas*** . . . . . Puerto Rico
2. **Juan (Kid) Meza**** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
3. **Jaime Garza** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
4. **Mike Ayala** . . . . . San Antonio, Texas
5. **Loris Stecca** . . . . . Italy
6. **Oscar Muniz** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
7. **Raul Gonzalez** . . . . . Venezuela
8. **Julian Solis** . . . . . Puerto Rico
9. **Leo Cruz** . . . . . Dominican Republic
10. **Bernardo Checa** . . . . . Panama

11. Felipe Orozco, 12. Seung-Hoon Lee, 13. Ramon Dominguez, 14. Pongpan Sorphayathai, 15. Ji-Won Kim, 16. Tommy Valoy, 17. Jesus Flores

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

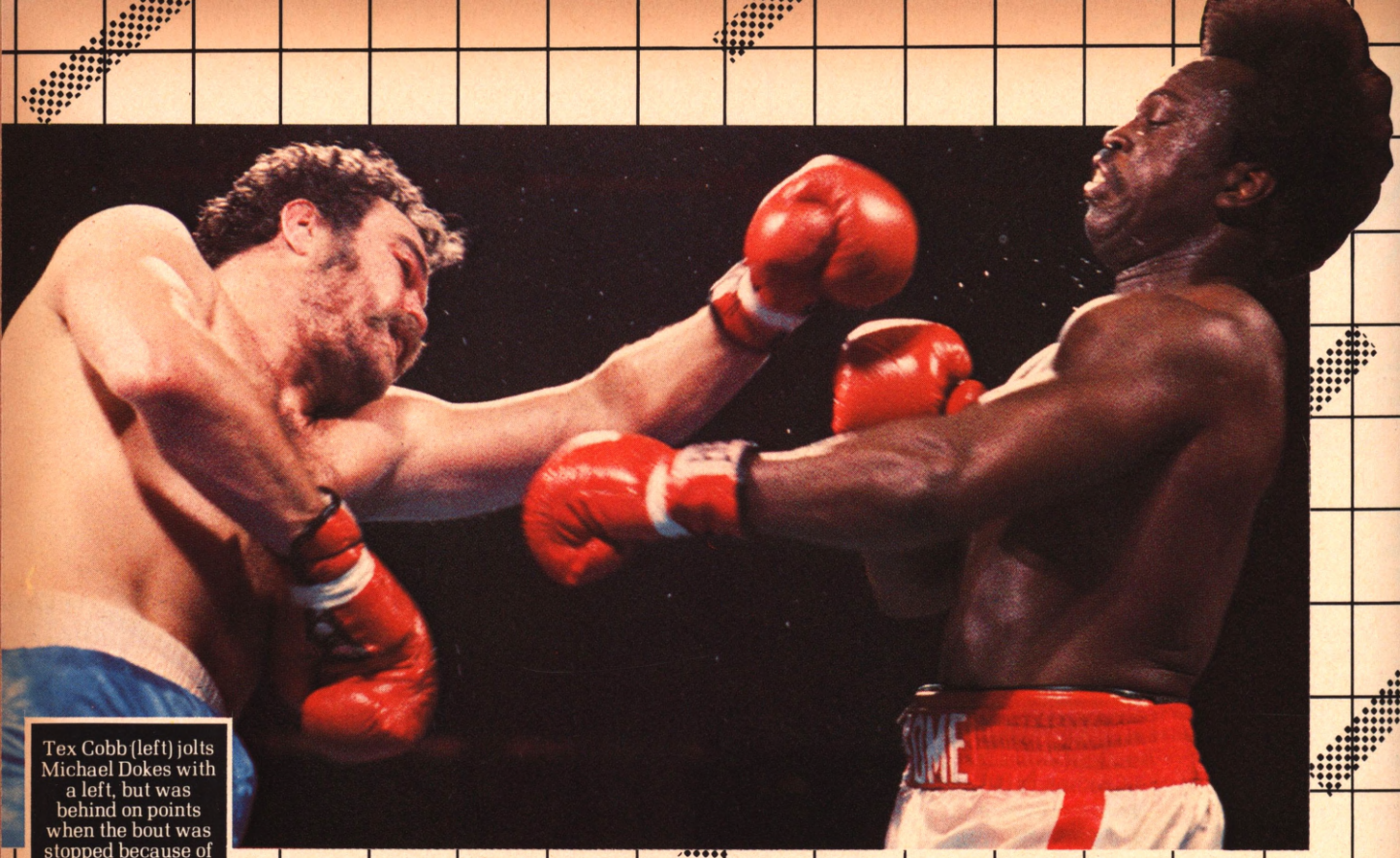
RICHARD SANDOVAL* . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
1. **Albert Davila**** . . . . . Pomona, Calif.
2. **Jiro Watanabe** . . . . . Japan
3. **Gaby Canizales** . . . . . Laredo, Texas
4. **Rafael Orono** . . . . . Venezuela
5. **Freddy Jackson** . . . . . Houston, Texas
6. **Kaosai Galaxy** . . . . . Thailand
7. **Greg Richardson** . . . . . Youngstown, Ohio
8. **Jerome Coffee** . . . . . Nashville, Tenn.
9. **Miguel Lora** . . . . . Colombia
10. **James Pipps** . . . . . Vidor, Texas

11. Harold Petty, 12. Enrique Sanchez, 13. Cardenio Ulloa, 14. Jorge Ramirez, 15. Chan-Young Park 16. Kazuo Katsuma.

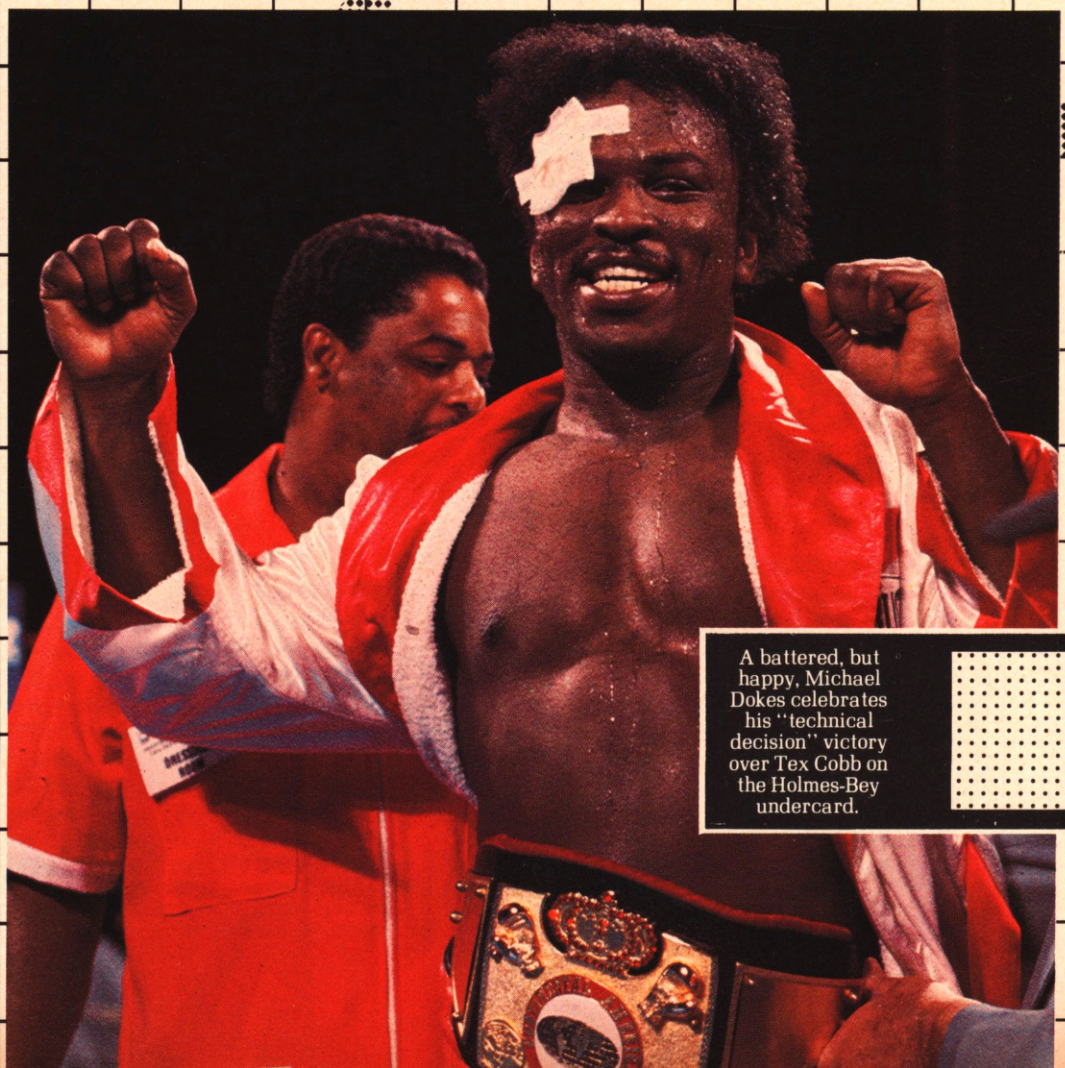
FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA** . . . . . Thailand
1. **Santos Laciar*** . . . . . Argentina
2. **Jung-Koo Chang** . . . . . Korea
3. **Sugar Baby Rojas** . . . . . Miami, Fla.
4. **Gabriel Bernal** . . . . . Mexico
5. **Joey Olivo** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Hilario Zapata** . . . . . Panama
7. **Alonzo Gonzalez** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
8. **Candido Tellez** . . . . . Mexico
9. **Francisco Quiroz** . . . . . Dominican Republic
10. **Dodie Penalosa** . . . . . Philippines

11. Jose DeJesus, 12. Freddie Castillo 13. Antoine Montero, 14. Jorge Cano, 15. Prudencio Cardona, 16. Francisco Montiel, 17. Reinaldo Becerra.



Tex Cobb (left) jolts Michael Dokes with a left, but was behind on points when the bout was stopped because of a bad cut over Dokes' right eye. Under Nevada State Athletic Commission rules, when a boxer is accidentally butted and can not continue, the winner is determined by the judges' scorecards.



A battered, but happy, Michael Dokes celebrates his "technical decision" victory over Tex Cobb on the Holmes-Bey undercard.

undefeated even though I'd lose money not promoting Larry Holmes.

"Holmes stands at the helm of the heavyweight division. As long as Holmes is there, he has to be recognized as the undisputed heavyweight champion. Being pragmatic and realistic, we have to face that head on. There are too many heavyweight champions (the reference being to the WBC's Pinklon Thomas, and the World Boxing Association's Greg Page). Either way, we must put it all together, so there is only one champion everybody can look up to."

Holmes was determined to prove he was a far better fighter than the laid-off champion who needed 12 rounds to carve up James "Bonecrusher" Smith last November 9 in the same Riviera ring. Holmes accomplished the mission with something to spare, prompting a sometimes begrudging media and boxing experts to concede it was this superbly-conditioned athlete's finest performance since he took the strength and desire away from the super-hyped Cooney three years ago in Caesars Palace.

Larry, who fattened his bank statement with a $1,525,000 pay check, spotted a courageous but outmanned Bey seven years and 10 pounds, coming in at 223½ for what was to be his 34th knockout of his career.

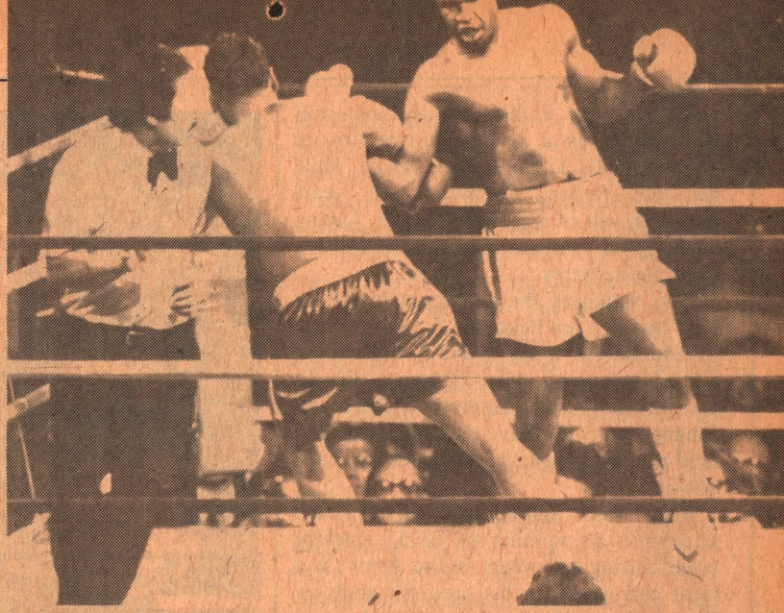
Bey, who once weighed 290 during an Army hitch through 1980, earned $133,000 in what was originally reported as a quarter of a million purse by the challenger himself. Before the first bell, Bey was the WBA's No. 1 contender and ranked only one notch lower by the WBC. Bey's style was almost no style. He has two speeds—slow and slower. But his right hand was reputed TNT and his chin supposedly granite since he had never been floored as a professional.

In a ploy to rile Bey in pre-fight media confrontations, Holmes said the challenger "would be lucky to last three rounds." Yet when it came time for business, patience and a very mean left jab was the key for Holmes. Of course for the coup de grace, it was a thunderous right . . . the last three coming flush on the jaw as referee Carlos Padilla jumped in front of a disoriented Bey to abbreviate the scheduled 15-rounder.

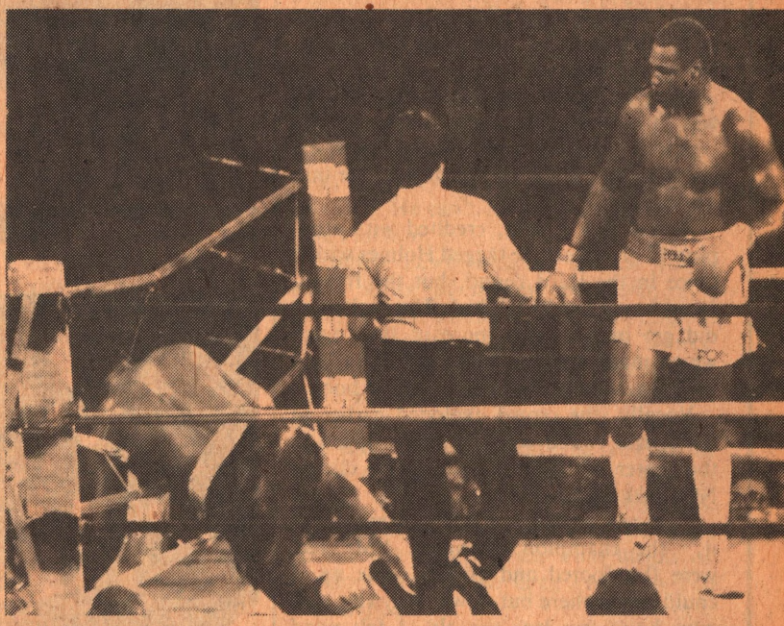
There was nary a note of dissent from the well-hammered Bey, his trainer, Bobby Lewis, nor the 5,000 spectators who turned out in ideal 70 degree weather.

Forty-eight hours before he did it with leather, Holmes laid some heavy verbal shots on Bey.

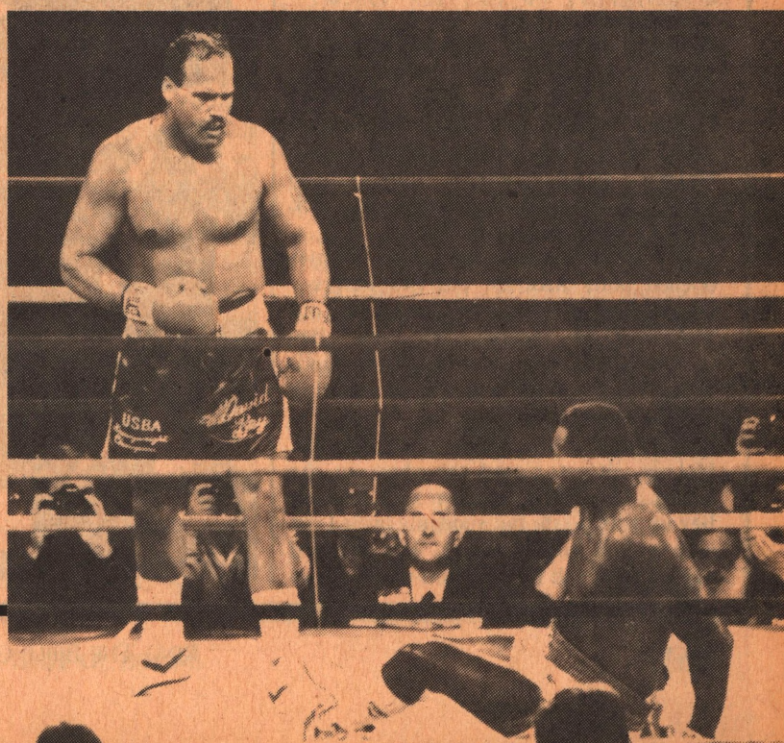
"You don't have a chance," Holmes smirked. "David, you're a half-breed and you know whites bleed . . . "



Top and Middle: Going, gone. Bey sags from Holmes all-out assault in the eighth round, finally falling through the ropes for the second knockdown of the round.



It's just a slip as Larry Holmes hits the deck midway into the fourth round.



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Bey's mother, Esther, is Irish Caucasion who works as a telephone operator at Philadelphia's Community College while his late father, Joseph, three years removed, was of Lebanese descent, having once served as a sparring partner for Joe Louis in the Army.

Bey, matching the champion in size at 6'3", got in a few licks too.

"Holmes is a basic 1-2-3 fighter, he doesn't mix up his style. I'll counter his jab with my jab. You saw how Witherspoon fought Larry. We have the same style. If I land my right flush, I can knock anybody down."

Bey, who scored 42 first round knockouts in winning 49 of 53 amateur bouts during five years in the Army, was right and wrong in his pre-fight analysis. David didn't bleed although his left eye would become a purplish-red tattoo as big as his fists and the right orb a little lumpy before the next sunrise.

More important, the anticipated left jab was little more than a gnat's sting as Bey repeatedly pawed ineffectually, later exclaiming he "was trying to turn it over into a hook."

As for Bey's right, credited with stopping 12 pro rivals, he tagged Holmes with it twice in the third round, but the frozen-faced Larry hardly blinked. The challenger did get in with two more in the fourth which made Holmes back up briefly, and then lunged in with a chopping right hook.

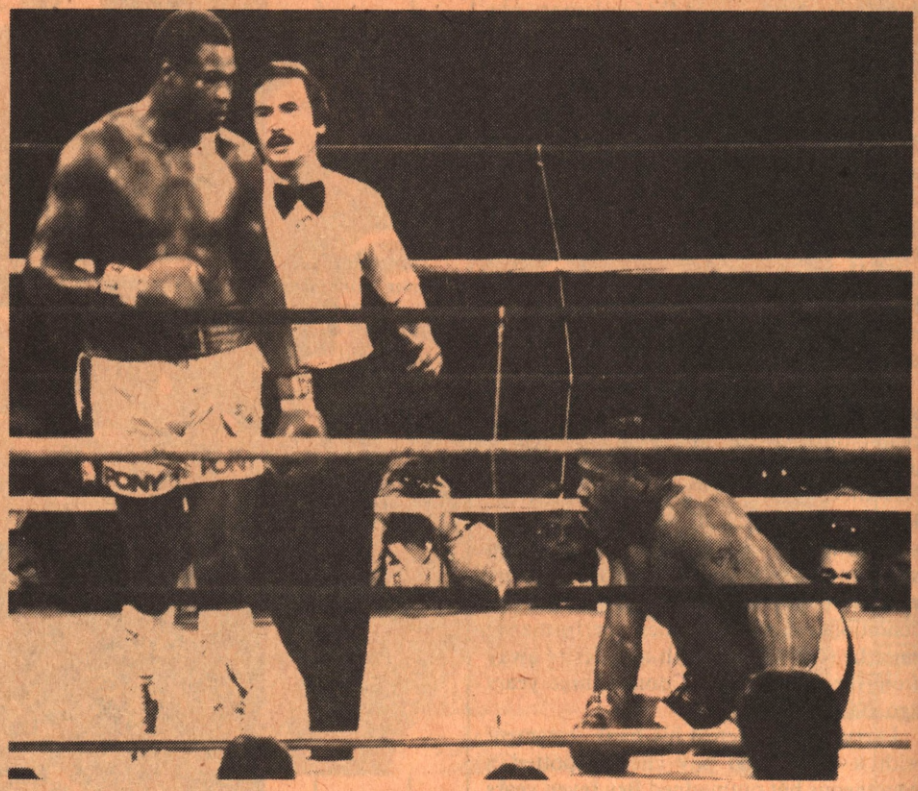
Vocally, the crowd exploded earlier in the fourth round when Holmes slipped in the center of the ring, but it was clearly NOT a knockdown.

"I threw a punch and Bey came under it," the champion explained. "My feet were flat footed and as Bey came up, I could go nowhere but down. Anyway, you guys know my legs are old. I felt good coming in to this fight, but I needed the 'Bonecrusher' to be in as good a shape as I am."

Probably the best punch Bey was destined to throw came late in the second round when he scored with a left that made Holmes hold, perhaps stinging the champion just a tad. But Holmes was back jabbing deftly before the bell.

It was purely academic once Holmes opened both throttles, but two judges—Harold Lederman of New York and Tom McDonald of Tacoma, Wa.,—had Bey leading 48-47 at the end of the fifth round. Dalby Shirley of Las Vegas had it the other way for Holmes.

Desiring a kayo as early as possible, Holmes almost closed the show in the eighth. The IBF titleholder kept backing Bey up with a jab, but suddenly lashed out with a right and left hook. Bey dropped like a shot on all fours at mid-ring. New to



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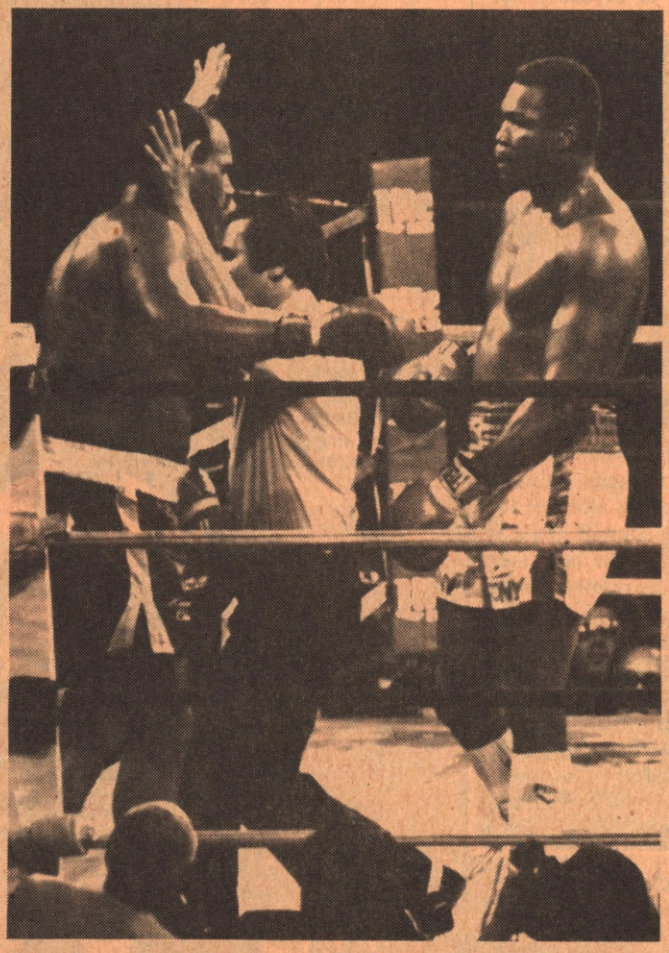
David Bey struggles to rise from the first knockdown in the eighth round, as referee Padilla leads Holmes to a neutral corner.



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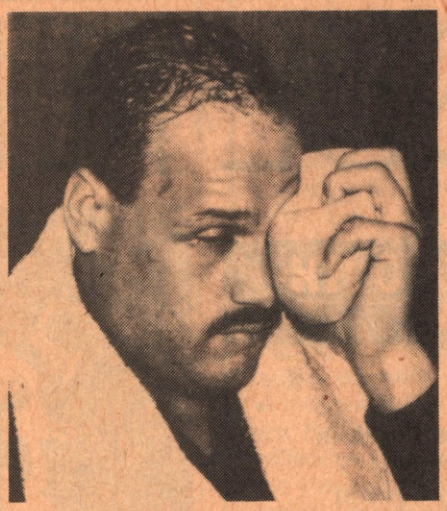
It's all over. Referee Carlos Padilla jumps in to protect a badly hammered David Bey 2:58 seconds into the 10th round.



A pensive David Bey nurses his battered face shortly following the first loss of his professional career.

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such embarrassment, David looked like a bewildered man trying to retrieve scattered groceries from a broken bag. Dead game, Bey rose quickly after scrambling to get his feet together.

Bey was stupefied and desperate as he tried to enforce a clinch with a lunge. Larry fired a right and then another clothes line shot which snapped Bey's head back, sending him reeling into the ropes. Glowering, Holmes pounced, shooting a volley of lefts and a booming right uppercut which draped Bey over the middle rope strand in his own corner. Again erect but hurting, Bey took Padilla's eight-count at the bell.

When later informed he had been down twice in the eighth, not once as he suggested, Bey smiled wanly: "Twice, eh? Man, ain't that terrible."

Whatever fight plan Bey envisioned had evaporated. However, he survived the ninth round with a "peek-a-boo" defense, but there was no way he could get away from the champion's tormenting jab as the crowd chanted, "Lay-ree, Lay-ree."

As the tenth round opened, Holmes came out up on his toes, stalking with a confused Bey still pawing with that left.

Holmes, who closed as a -$4.50 favorite with Nevada oddsmakers, moved Bey about the ring with a counted 17 jabs to the head and body. The champion hurt his flat-flooted adversary with a right and then forced David into Holmes' corner with a brutal six-punch volley. As Bey tried to get his hands up, Larry smashed him across the ring to the opposite corner with a left and three booming rights to the jaw.

Bey, eyes glazed, defenseless and exhausted, tottered against the ropes, oblivious to his surroundings as Padilla mercifully cancelled the rout with two seconds left in the round.

Bey preceded Holmes on the dais for the post-fight inquisition, and even with such a bruising defeat, the mustachioed one-time construction worker did not lose his congeniality.

"Fighting Larry Holmes taught me a lot about pacing myself to go the distance," said Bey, sounding like a real live "Rocky." "The man's still pretty good. I thought he'd be easier to hit, but he wasn't. I can't say whether he should retire because he still has a little bit left in him. Sure, I'd like to fight him again, I'd train harder.

"I guess the biggest mistake I made was training five weeks in Los Angeles, and not coming to Vegas earlier. I didn't think it would, but the weather change really bothered me. I picked up a cold the day before the fight, and it affected my stamina, but that's no excuse. You have to learn more to beat Larry Holmes."

Going back to his classic narrow victory over Ken Norton for the WBC crown June 9, 1978 at Ceasars Palace, the Georgia-born Holmes has always been the gracious conqueror once the war subsides. The hammering of Bey was no exception.

"I'd like to compliment David on a helluva fight," the never-beaten champion smiled. "I hope we can continue to be friends. This is a business. We have to support our families and go our separate way. I have no hard feelings and I hope David doesn't.

"This is a hard business, but I hope David Bey respects me as I respect him. If he continues to fight, I hope Bey learns there is more to this job than just being a champion in the ring. I was impressed with 'Bonecrusher' Smith and Tony Tubbs at the pre-fight press conference, but tonight Greg Page just looked silly getting in the ring and challenging me . . . calling me a turkey."

Overall, Futch was pleased with the effort.

"It was imperative that Larry go to the body because Bey needs punching room," the trainer said. "I also wanted Larry moving to the right, and not to the left into Bey's right. Larry wasn't 100 percent, I didn't expect that, but I liked the way he shined."

Holding up his bejeweled IBF belt, Holmes smiled.

"Back in Easton, my WBC belt has already faded. Jose Sulaiman (WBC president) should see this one," the champion smiled. "Somebody just asked where I wanted to be viewed in history. Dempsey, Louis, Frazier, Marciano, Ali . . . they were all great fighters. I'll let the history books record me the way they wish to record me. God put me here . . . champions aren't made, they're born. I'm not Louis, Ali, Marciano, Frazier, Spinks . . . I'm just Larry Holmes. I want to be remembered as the guy who saved his money."

On retirement, Holmes was again emphatic.

"This is my last fight . . . I'm not defrauding the public," Holmes said. "I think I was tricked into this fight because I signed two contracts to fight Bey and Michael Spinks. Money was a problem, so I couldn't get Spinks, who I wanted first. Bey was pushed in my face. I said the door was partially cracked, not closed on another fight, but I don't expect anybody to come up with $25 million for a Cooney fight. Cooney is white, it would help the gate, but every time he hears my name, he gets sick. He can't forget I hurt him every time I hit him.

"Butch Lewis handles Spinks, so he wants a lot of money too. Even if a promoter was willing to pay me $4 million, there might be a problem with Spinks' people. I have a release from Don King to fight anybody else. I'm a free agent. I might fight Spinks, but only for money, not ego. Or (laughing) the winner of Marvelous Marvin Hagler and Thomas Hearns, but definitely no more big guys. I'm tired of guys like David Bey hitting me up the side of my head. That means no Pinklon Thomas, no Greg Page, no Tim Witherspoon."

Holmes was back in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley less than 24 hours after dispatching Bey with aplomb and style. He packed his family (lovely wife, Diane, son, Larry, Jr., 2½, and Kandy Larie, 5), and pointed a newly-purchased custom van toward Florida. The IBF's cherished kingpin's newest outing was an indefinite vacation where Larry nurtured a desire "to catch an alligator with the new fishing pole I bought."

The real catch is still in his day dreams—just one more multi-million dollar pay day before Larry Holmes sings "Auld Lang Syne" as a prelude to donning a country squire's attire in directing his mini-empire of growing real estate ventures.

But if everything doesn't come together before June 9, we have probably seen the last of one of the greatest tacticians in the annals of the Sweet Science. Maybe! □

RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

David Bey (left) and Larry Holmes weigh-in before their title bout in Las Vegas. After the dust had settled, Larry was still champion and the recipient of *The Ring's* Fighter of the Month award.

THEY SAID THAT **LARRY HOLMES** WAS OLD AND READY TO be taken. He had looked shaky turning back the challenge of Bonecrusher Smith in November of '84, and some were even picking David Bey to spoil Larry's retirement party. But the IBF heavyweight champion turned in one of the finest performances of his career, stopping the previously undefeated Bey in the 10th round at the Riviera's outdoor arena in Las Vegas. The victory also earned Larry *The Ring*'s Fighter of the Month award.

Runner-up this month is Californian **Joey Olivo**, who captured the WBA junior flyweight title with a unanimous 15-round decision over Francisco Quiroz, of the Dominican Republic, in Miami Beach. Olivo, a pro since 1976, was kayoed by Hilario Zapata in a 1981 bid for the WBC 108-pound crown, but grabbed the brass ring the second time around.

Honorable mention goes to WBA welterweight boss **Donald Curry** who stopped James (Hard Rock) Green in the second round of a junior middleweight bout in Dallas. Although the ending of the fight was of a controversial nature, Curry proved that he could step up in weight and still dominate top flight opposition.

Photo by Chris Farina

Tex Cobb looks bewildered as Dr. Don Romeo examines Michael Dokes after an accidental clash of heads opened a deep cut over Dokes' right eye in the fourth round. The scheduled 12-rounder was stopped moments later and Dokes awarded a "technical victory."

DOKES-COBB

Vacant Continental Americas Heavyweight Title

FORMER WBA HEAVYweight champion Michael (Dynamite) Dokes, 236, Akron, Ohio, won the vacant Continental Americas title with a technical decision over Randall (Tex) Cobb, 228¼, Orange, Texas, at 1:03 of the fourth round in a scheduled 12 on the Holmes-Bay undercard.

The end came suddenly when Dokes was badly gashed over the right eye in an accidental clash of heads. The mishap occurred near Dokes' own corner.

Referee Richard Steele immediately stopped the action on the advice of Dr. Don Romeo, the ringside physician. Under the rules of the WBA and the Nevada State Commission, the official cards decide the outcome of a bout stopped due to an accidental butt after the completion of three rounds. Las Vegas judges Jerry Roth and Dave Moretti both had Dokes ahead, 29-28. Reno judge Herb Santos favored Cobb by the same margin.

Both fighters rocked each other with heavy artillery. There were no knockdowns, but the area under Cobb's eyes was slightly puffy after all the jabs, hooks, and uppercuts had been delivered.

Dokes is now 29-1-2 with 16 kayoes. Cobb is 25-5 with 20 knockouts.

TUBBS-SMITH

LARRY HOLMES HADN'T even left the ring after disposing of David Bey when Greg Page bounded through the ropes at the Riviera Hotel-Casino. "I want Larry Holmes," he insisted to promoter Don King. "I want Holmes. I'll knock out that turkey."

It was all for show, turning nary a head among 5,000

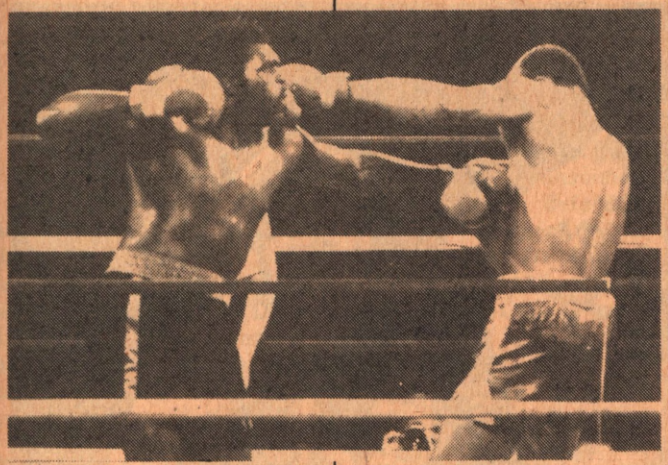
spectators. What Page will get next isn't Holmes, and the 26-year-old WBA champion knew that before he ever climbed up on the ring apron.

King had already guaranteed a shot at Page to the winner of a 10-round heavyweight elimination bout between Tony (TNT) Tubbs and James (Bonecrusher) Smith on the undercard of the Holmes-Bay card. Tubbs did not live up to his sobriquet of "TNT," but he did win a unanimous decision over the lethargic Smith, 236, Magnolia, N.C.

Tubbs, however, did live up to his promise to slim down, coming in at 228½.

The 31-year-old Smith was the disappointment of the night. He seemed content to play a waiting game in hopes of landing the booming right that had given Larry Holmes a couple of anxious moments. He rarely punched in combinations, permitting the pressuring Tubbs to get off first—and often.

Tony (TNT) Tubbs (left) trades punches with Bonecrusher Smith on his way to a unanimous decision.



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Tubbs fought well from the outside, using combos to the head and body to build up an early lead. There was nothing close to a knockdown. All three judges carded 97-93 for the 26-year-old Tubbs, a former national amateur champion who once served as a Muhammad Ali sparring partner.

Tubbs is now 21-0 with 15 knockouts. Smith is 14-3.

Dave Hilton, Jr., 146¾, Montreal, knocked Dennis Fain, 148, Akron, Ohio, down thrice in the second round of their scheduled 10 for a TKO. The handsome 22-year-old Continental Americas welterweight champion destroyed his overmatched opponent with torrid body shots. Hilton is now 22-0-1 with 18 kayoes. Fain is 12-11-1.

Mark Holmes, 161½, Easton, Pa., shook off a sluggish start to win a unanimous decision over Cecil Pettigrew, 161, Tulsa, Ok., 10. Holmes is now 31-0. Pettigrew, a southpaw, is 19-6-1.

James Dickson, 131, Las Vegas, TKO'd Ubaldo Castillo, 132, Phoenix, at 2:24 of the fourth round.

Ismael Marquez, 134½, Phoenix, stopped Hector Martinez, 135½, Los Angeles, at 2:42 of the second.

Pete Baca, 125, Denver, TKO'd Adam Garcia, 124½, Phoenix, at the end of three.

(03-15-85)

JACK WELSH

MUGABI-MONROE

TAMPA, FLA.—IT CAME as no surprise when the scheduled 10-round scrap between John (The Beast) Mugabi, 155, and Earl (The Pearl) Hargrove, 154¾, ended in a knockout. Mugabi sported an awesome record of 24-0 (all knockouts), while Hargrove was statistically similar at 26-1 with 25 kayoes. What was surprising was the ease with which The Beast devoured his prey. Mugabi looked more than impressive in knocking Hargrove out in 1:33 of the first round at the Egypt Shrine Temple.

The opening bell saw Hargrove come out blasting, hoping to take Mugabi out early. Earl, however, broke one of boxing's fundamental rules: Don't lead with the right because it leaves you open to a left hook. About one minute into the first round, Mugabi caught Hargrove coming in with a brutal left hook that sent Earl to the canvas. The Philadelphian got to his feet, but The Beast was not to be denied. Mugabi measured his opponent and let go with a vicious left hook followed by a right that sent Hargrove down and out. Most of the post-fight chatter centered around how the Ugandan would do against Thomas Hearns or Marvin Hagler. Off the form he showed against Hargrove, The Beast must be considered a power to be reckoned with—no matter who he fights.

Former WBC super featherweight champion Cornelius Boza-Edwards, 138, Uganda, TKO'd Gary Gamble, 135¾, Indianapolis, who failed to answer the bell for round five of their scheduled 10. Boza-Edwards is now 42-5 with 33 kayoes. Gamble was down twice during the bout.

Harvey Hester, 141¾, Orlando, Fla., TKO'd Eddie Flanning, 146½, Savannah, Ga., at 1:09 of the sixth round. Hester is now 17-0 with 12 kayoes.

Eric Holley, 175, Tampa, TKO'd Rocky Stevens, 179, Jacksonville, Fla., in three.

Ken Hardy, 134, Fayetteville, S.C., won a majority decision over Clifford Gray, 136, Boynton Beach, Fla., six.

Bernard Gray, 130½, Boynton Beach, TKO'd Jimmy Rojas, 131¼, Orlando, at 2:57 of the first round in their scheduled six.

George Brown, 153, Bay City, Mich., won a majority decision over Joe Gray, 154½, Boynton Beach, four.

Ring Announcer—M. Mark Beiro.
Promoter—Phil Alessi.
Matchmaker—Brad Jacobs.
Attendance—2,000 (est.). NBC-TV.
(03-17-85)

JUSTIN LAURENCE

SHIELDS-MANLEY
NABF Super Lightweight Title

NEW YORK, N.Y.—RONnie Shields, 138½, Houston, Texas, retained his North American Boxing Federation super lightweight (junior welterweight) title with a unanimous decision over New York/New Jersey favorite Joe Louis Manley, 138, Atlantic City, 12, at the Felt Forum. Joe Cortez, referee.

That is the result—no upset, nothing stunning. Yet Manley must be given a small pat on the back; he did better than could reasonably be expected. Shields is no slouch—a legitimate contender who could conceivably win a world title in this era of three champs in every weight class.

Manley was aggressive, but found Shields an elusive, educated target. Ronnie counterpunched beautifully and had better balance than the youthful Manley. Joe landed a lot of punches, but they had no steam behind them. Shields made Manley reach for him all night, negating the easterner's punching power. It's called experience. Shields, in 25 previous fights, had faced the world's best.

The official scoring: Carol Castellano (New York) and Dick Cole (Texas) both 116-112; Dalby Shirley (Nevada), 117-111. *The Ring* had it a might closer—116-114.

Shields will inevitably get another title shot. As for Manley, it's back to the gym. He obviously learned from boxing Shields, and the next club fighter Joe fights at the Forum will pay dearly for the lesson.

Norberto Sabater, 156, Brooklyn, won a split decision over Bill (Show Time) Lee, 157, Detroit, eight. Scoring: Al Reid, 7-1, Sabater; Carol Castellano, 6-2, Sabater; Ted Wint, 5-3, Lee. Vinnie Ferguson, referee.

Andres (Fuego) Tena, 123, Bronx, won a unanimous (all cards 5-3) decision over Pepe Vasquez, 122, Hartford, eight. Arthur Mercante, Jr., referee.

Samule (Mangani) Fuentes, 140, Loiza, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Cirilo Morel, 139½, San Juan, Puerto Rico, at 1:05 of the second in the scheduled six-round walkout bout. Morel was down in the first and second. Vinnie Ferguson, referee. (This contest was originally scheduled for 10 rounds. It was cut to six at the last moment.)

Edward O'Boyle, 157, Bayside, Queens, TKO'd Ray Hamilton, 159, Brooklyn, at 2:36 of the fourth and final session. Arthur Mercante, Jr., referee.

Lamont (Chuck) Everett, 136, New York, won an impressive unanimous decision over James (Nasty Boy) Foster, 141, four. Scoring: Carol Castellano, 3-0-1 (4-0 in points); Al Reid, 3-1 (4-1); Ted Wint, 3-1. Foster was down in the second. Arthur Mercante, Jr., referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
Ring Announcer—Marvin Goldberg.
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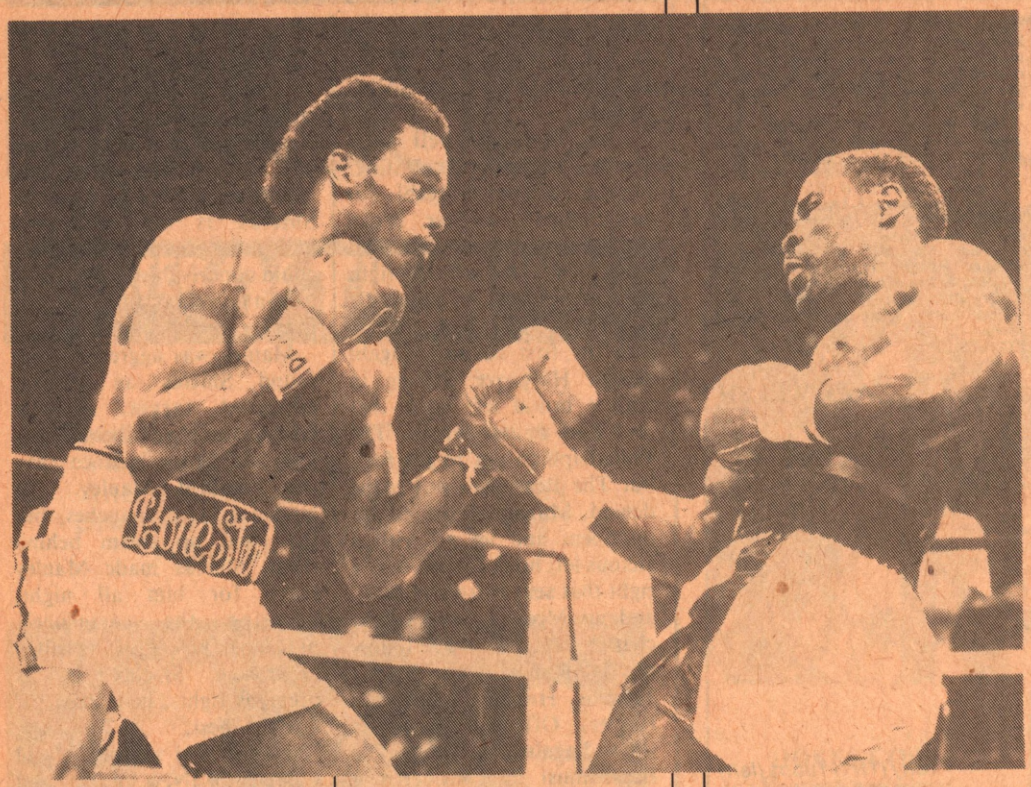
HERBERT G. GOLDMAN



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James (Hard Rock) Green and Donald (The Cobra) Curry (left) mix it up during the early going of their abbreviated contest.

to compensate by squating and bending to avoid Green's mid-section attack. Curry won the round with combinations.

Curry started to back up Green in the second. Don threw a left jab and a right cross, whereupon James threw his hands in front of him and blinked repeatedly. Curry stopped fighting. Referee Dick Cole then talked briefly to Green before stopping the fight because the Hard Rock was "defenseless."

PHOTO BY DON JONES

Donald Curry (right) slams a left jab into the face of James (Hard Rock) Green on his way to an unusual second-round TKO.

CURRY-GREEN

DALLAS, TEXAS—WBA-IBF welterweight king Donald Curry, 154, TKO'd James (Hard Rock) Green, 153¼, at 0:40 of the second round in a scheduled 10 at Moody Coliseum at Southern Methodist University. Not much of a step-up-in-weight test for the champion.

The first round was a typical feeling out session for both fighters. Curry fought flat footed and went head-to-head with Green for the entire frame. The champ, five inches taller than his opponent, had

Joey Olivo raises his arms skyward on hearing the he has won the WBA junior flyweight belt from Fransico Quiroz via a 15 round unanimous decision in Miami Beach.

After a number of fans stopped shouting obscenities and throwing ice, Curry walked to the center of the ring and apologized. Both Dave Gorman, Curry's manager, and Lou Duva, Green's manager, said it was a bad call.

Frankie Warren, 139½, TKO'd Dwayne Prim, 140, at 0:38 of the eighth round. James Woodruff, referee.

Harold Petty, 121, TKO'd Arturo Tebaqui, also 121, in round six. Dick Cole, referee.

Darryl Robinson, 155, won a controversial unanimous decision over Bruce Jackson, 154½. Spider Bynum, referee.

Robert Byrd, 130, TKO'd James Cleveland, also 130, at 2:32 of the first round. Steve Crosson, referee.

Freddie Guzman, 176, TKO'd Richard Silas, 175½, at 2:59 of the third. Kenneth Fewell, referee.

Timekeepers—A.C. Poe, Flossie Poe.

Ringside Physicians—James Marr, William Gardner.

Ring Announcer—James Jennings.

Ten Count Productions.

Attendance—2,070. Gross—$65,800.

ABC-TV.

(03-30-85)

WAYNE M. ANDERSON

OLIVO-QUIROZ
WBA Junior Flyweight Title

MIAMI BEACH, FLA.—Joey Olivo became the first American boxer to win a world title in the junior flyweight division. Olivo, 107½, Los Angeles, Calif., won the WBA crown with a unanimous decision over defending champion Francisco Quiroz, also 107½, Dominican Republic, over 15 rounds at the Convention Center.

Because of the lack of competition in the junior flyweight class in the United States, Olivo has had to fight in the flyweight division. He amassed a 36-4 mark, winning the North American Boxing Federation junior flyweight and the USBA flyweight crowns in a career that started in Los Angeles in 1976. In 1981, he fought Hilario Zapata for the latter's WBC light flyweight title, losing on a TKO in 13 rounds. This bout with Quiroz was Joey's second try at a world diadem.

Quiroz had seemingly come out of nowhere to win the WBA title by knocking out Lupe Madera last year in Venezuela. His overall record at the time was little better than .500—including, at one point, eight losses in a row. Quiroz successfully defended his title with a second round knockout over Victor Sierra, and some felt he was on his way to a surpisingly long reign as champ. Then came Joey Olivo.

The bout was fought at a fast pace, Olivo knocking Quiroz down in the fifth with a flash right. Joey kept winning round after round by the narrowest of margins. Quiroz closed strongly, winning the last two frames, but it just wasn't enough. Referee Carlos Berrocal did his usual excellent job.

Olivo thus becomes the first boxer to win a world crown in 1985—IBF titles excepted. Stay tuned for further developments in the junior flyweight-flyweight title merry-go-round.

Javier Avila, 117¼, Mexico, won a split decision over Cardenio Ulloa, 118, Chile, 10. Avila was down in the fourth round, and Ulloa in the sixth. The 10th frame was one of the best sessions seen in Florida in years. Bernie Soto, referee.

Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez, 140½, Mexico, TKO'd Juan Cruces, also 140½, Chile, at 0:55 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder. Cruces was down twice. Eddie Eckart, referee.

Steve Whetstone, 112¼, Homestead, Fla., won a unanimous decision over Mauro Diaz, 108½, Mexico, eight. Bernie Soto, referee.

Jimmy Navarro, 117¼, Miami, a promising youngster, TKO'd Jorge Acosta, 122, Colombia, at 2:02 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Jim Connors, referee. This was Navarro's fourth straight win.

Luis Correa, 145, Chile, TKO'd Julian Vasquez, 144, Homestead, at 0:55 of the second in a scheduled four-rounder. Vasquez was down twice.

Jose Cardenes, 143½, Chile, TKO'd Eric Valentine, 142¼, Homestead, at 1:35 of the second in their scheduled four. Valentine was decked twice. Bernie Soto, referee.

Chichi Boxing Enterprises.

Promoter—Jorge Godoy.

Matchmaker—Tuto Zabala.

Attendance—2,300.

(03-29-85)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

GALAXY-LEE
WBA Junior Bantamweight Title

BANGKOK, THAILAND—Southpaw Kaosai Galaxy, 115, Thailand, retained his WBA junior bantamweight crown by knocking out Korean challenger Dong-Chun Lee, also 115, with a wicked left hook in 2:12 of the seventh round in a scheduled 15 at Rajadamnern Stadium. It was Galaxy's first defense.

Lee had relinquished the Korean national title in order to concentrate on this shot at Galaxy. He had entered the WBA's top 10 by virtue of an upset decision over former OPBF champion William Develos of the Philippines on February 19, 1984.

After a cautious first round, the champ pressed the action. A hard left to the face sent Lee reeling into the ropes in round two, and Galaxy won the third and fourth frames with good combinations.

Lee took to throwing long rights in the fifth, but Galaxy retaliated with heavy punches to the face and midsection. Both men are flat-footed punchers.

Hard right hooks, followed by some solid combinations, hurt Lee in the seventh, and a follow-up left to the jaw knocked him down and out. Lee was still flat on his back when referee Larry Rozadilla raised Galaxy's hand.

Lee's manager, Hwa-Ryon Yuh, protested, claiming that the knockout punch was actually an elbow. WBA witness Shigeru Kojima, general secretary of the Japanese Boxing Commission, disallowed the ridiculous claim.

All three official scorecards read 60-55, Galaxy, after six. Herbert Werner (U.S.) and Kanjiro Makizumi (Japan) were the judges.

Galaxy is now 26-1 with 23 kayoes. His next defense will be against former WBC super flyweight champion Rafael Orono, the WBA's currently top ranked junior bantamweight contender.

Promoter—Niwat Laosuwannawat.

(03-07-85)

JOE KOIZUMI

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

Edited By Herbert G. Goldman

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

►**MARIN—Civic Center Hall**—Andy Nance, 140½, knocked out Mario Rodriguez, 141, with a three-punch combination in the second round of a scheduled 10. Rudy Ortega, referee. Nance is now 18-1-1 with 12 knockouts. Rodriguez is 17-6.

Kenny Lopez, 144, Stockton, won a split decision over Tommy Richardson, 148½, San Francisco, 10.

Tim Brooks, 132½, Sacramento, TKO'd Felix Gonzales, 133, at 0:47 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Abel Santana, 139, San Francisco, stopped Benny Garcia, 136½, Sacramento, at 2:04 of the fourth and final session.

Promoter—Joe Burke.

Attendance—1,350. Gross—$19,969.

(01-24-85)

►**SAN FRANCISCO—Kabuki Theatre**—It was a fine night for all the local fighters, and an even better one for promoter Jimi Sosa. He sold every ticket and never took a punch.

A SRO crowd turned out to watch undefeated Jack Padia, 160½, Penngove, California, drum Doug Holliman, 161, Portland, Oregon, to the canvas midway in round two of a scheduled 10. Padis is now 15-0 with 10 knockouts.

Mardo Roybal, 154, Vallejo, Calif., struggled to a ninth round TKO over old trialhorse Raul Aguirre, also 154, San Antonio, Texas, in their scheduled 10. Roybal is now 24-2.

Felix Gonzalez, 136, San Francisco, knocked out Marcel Wade, 135, Vallejo, in the second round of a scheduled eight. Gonzalez is now 10-2.

Mario Lesperance, 124, Vallejo, TKO'd Ruben Chavarria, 123, San Antonio, in a scheduled six. Lesperance is now 10-0 with eight knockouts.

Attendance—1,400. Gross—$16,190.

(03-09-85)

►**SACRAMENTO—Memorial Auditorium**—Former WBC featherweight and junior lightweight champion Bobby Chacon, 134, returned to action after a nine-month lay-off and won a majority decision over Freddie Roach, also 134, Las Vegas, 10.

The 33-year-old Chacon showed up stone cold for the introductions and he paid the price in the opening rounds. Roach slapped Chacon around in the first and then knocked him down twice in the second with left hooks. Chacon, however, held himself together, and survived. It turned into a street fight, and, if the visitor began it, the hometown fellow wasn't shy about paying it back. Chacon took charge of the fight and clearly dished out the heavier punishment from the fourth round on. Roach made a last ditch effort in the 10th round, but it wasn't enough.

Referee Hank Eslespuru called it even, 95-95, but the judges favored Chacon with scores of 97-93 and 96-94. *The Ring* had Chacon winning seven of 10 rounds, with a 96-94 card.

"The lay-off hurt me more than I expected," said Chacon. "When I got knocked down I thought to myself, 'Am I that bad tonight?' When you have a big reputation everyone wants to put up their best effort to fight you. In the past year and a few months I've only had five rounds of work. It showed."

Chacon is now 55-7-1. Roach is 36-7-1.

Henry Lugo, 126, San Jose, outscored Henry Rodriguez, 125, Sacramento, six.

Eddie Osborne, 144½, Wright, iced Eddie Johnson, 147, San Luis Obispo, in the third round of their scheduled six.

Mike Bassinger, 132, San Luis Obispo, knocked out Terry White, 132, Sacramento, in the first round of a scheduled four.

Promoter—Babe Griffin.

Attendance—4,537. Gross—$71,110.

(03-05-85)

CHRISTOPHER COATS

►**BAKERSFIELD—Civic Auditorium**—Dennis Mulholland, 146¼, Bakersfield, pleased the hometown fans with a near shutout unanimous victory over Tommy Richardson, 146¾, San Francisco, 10. Richardson was floored in the second and lost a point for a low blow. Scoring: referee Lou Filippo, 99-90; judge Dick Young, 99-89; judge Rudy Jordan, 100-90.

Alex Galvan, 128, Bakersfield, won a one-sided unanimous decision over Billy Wiles, 127, Los Angeles, eight. Wiles was down in the final round and always showed courage just to survive. Scoring: referee Jordan, 79-73; judge Young, 80-69; judge Filippo, 80-69.

Rickie Locke, 176, Bakersfield, did well to unanimously outpoint Larry Musgrove, 173, Los Angeles, eight. Musgrove was hampered by an injured jaw.

Scoring: referee Jordan, 78-77; judge Young, 79-75; judge Filippo, 79-74.

Gabe Morris, 156, Los Angeles, and Ernie Olivas, 162, Bakersfield, drew, four.

Dr. Jerry Seyler, ringside physician.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.

Bill Manning, ring announcer.

(02-06-85)

►**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel Ballroom**—Bert Lee, 154, Corona, used advantages in experience and desire to win a 10-round unanimous decision over Danny Lopez, 155, Long Beach, before a sellout turnaway crowd. All three officials scored 98-93. Lee, 26-8-4, worked harder and forced the fight all the way. Chuck Hassett, referee.

Amateur star David Gutierrez, 146, San Diego, made it three in a row as a pro by unanimously outpointing taller Frank White, 146, Pasadena, in a good four. Scoring: referee Dr. James Jen-Kin, 40-37; judge Pat Connolly, 40-36; judge Hassett, 40-36.

Terry Claybon, 131, Los Angeles, unanimously outscored Luis Perez, 130, Anaheim, in another well matched four. Claybon (2-0) was the harder and more frequent puncher, but Perez never gave up.

Lewis Hightower, 174, Anaheim, struggled in the first round but came on to unanimously outpoint willing Dan Murnon, 175, Canuga Park, four, confirming a previous victory. Hightower improved his record to 2-1.

Debuting Greg Puente, 128¾, Alhambra, and Martin Escobar, 128, Santa Monica, drew, four. Puente is managed by former featherweight champion Danny Lopez.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.

Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physician.

Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.

(02-11-85)

►**SAN BERNARDINO—Arena**—Ernie Landeros, 137½, Los Angeles, won his fifth straight as a pro when he unanimously outpointed well-respected Keith Potts, 140, Pomona, in an excellent eight which drew a big shower of coins from appreciative ringsiders. The favored Potts started well but Landeros held a slight edge from the fourth. Scoring: referee Robert Byrd, 77-76; judge Vince Delgado, 78-75; judge John Thomas, 77-75.

Lorenzo Rodriguez, 129, Riverside, had been floored in the second and the fourth and was in danger of his second consecutive stoppage loss when he knocked out Geraldo Patino, 128, Redondo Beach, in 3:02 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Rodriguez threw plenty of sharp punches but they didn't seem to affect the aggressive Patino until he was stunningly flattened by a double right. Thomas, referee.

Pedro Lara, 116, Highland, made a successful pro debut by winning a split decision over tough Arturo Valdez, 117, Fontana, four. Scoring: referee Byrd, 39-38, Lara; judge Delgado, 39-37, Lara; judge Thomas, 39-38, Valdez.

Frank Martinez, 159, Los Angeles, drew with Ruben Blackwell, 156, Los Angeles, four. Blackwell rallied after a second round knockdown. Scoring: referee Delgado, 38-38; judge Thomas, 38-38; judge Byrd, 38-37, Martinez.

Joel Franco, 119, Los Angeles, and Alberto Garcia, 117, Los Angeles, drew, four, in a fight full of good exchanges. Scoring: referee Delgado, 38-38; judge Thomas, 39-37, Garcia; judge Byrd, 39-38, Franco.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.

Dr. Antonio Durazo, ringside physician.

(02-15-85)

►**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—Unbeaten Larry Phelps, 190, Dayton, Ohio, TKO'd Mark Mahone, 190, Orange, who was retired by ringside physician Dr. Jim Wilson at the end of the sixth in a scheduled eight because of a long cut over his left eye. Mahone boxed very well until the cut appeared mid-way through the third. Scoring through six: referee Frank Rustich, 58-57, Phelps; judge Hal Richards, 59-57, Phelps; judge Pat Russell, 58-58.

David Gutierrez, 146¼, San Diego, kayoed Howard Scott, 146, in 2:58 of the second in a scheduled five to raise his record to 4-0. Scott visited the canvas three times in the second, all from hooks to the body. Russell, referee.

Tom Payne, 281, Napa, overpowered Richie Montes, 215, Phoenix, in just 1:49 of the first of a scheduled six. The improving 7'1" ex-basketball star floored Montes twice with rights. Russell, referee.

Drafton Bunch, 156¼, San Diego, knocked out overmatched Gary Bolstead, 156¼, Phoenix, in 2:43 of the first of a scheduled six. Bolstead was down twice. Russell, referee.

Sal Trutillo, 160, San Diego, stopped John Appel, 160, Phoenix, in 2:05 of the first in a scheduled four. Comebacking Trutillo finished first timer Appel with a right to the side of the head. Rustich, referee.

Debuting Phillip Brown, 131, San Diego, unanimously outpointed game Danny Hernandiz, 126, Phoenix, in a good five. Hernandez was one of four stablemates who remained winless as professionals. Scoring: referee Rustich, 48-47; judge Russell, 49-47; judge Richards, 49-46.

Mike Millsap, timekeeper.

Elson Irwin, ring announcer.

(02-21-85)

►**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Unbeaten Derrick Kelly, 147, Los Angeles, won the California State welterweight championship by stopping Glen Corbus, 147, San Jose, after six rounds of a scheduled 12. Kelly took charge from the second, when he floored Corbus twice, and never let the defending back into the fight. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Grover Robinson, 175, Fremont, scored an upset win over veteran Pete McIntyre, 176, Long Beach, when referee Lou Moret stepped in and called a halt with only 0:18 remaining in their sheculed 10. Scoring through nine: referee Moret, 88-83, McIntyre; judge Jordan, 87-86, Robinson; judge Gwen Farrell, 87-85, Robinson.

Adrian Arreola, 126, Los Angeles, returned to action for the first time since his big win over Lupe Pintor, and continued his excellent form with a unanimous decision over Kelvin Lampkins, 127¾, Los Angeles, 10. It was Arreola's third win over Lampkins and by far the easiest, with margins of eight to nine points on the official cards. Jordan, referee.

Alex Madrid, 126, San Diego, remained unbeaten in five fights when he unanimously outpointed Johnny Watkins, 126, Los Angeles, six. Madrid won clearly, but again took too many punches. Scoring: referee Moret, 60-55; judge Jordan, 59-56; judge Farrell, 58-57.

Mauri Saalakhan, 136, Washington, D.C., won a split decision over Greg Triplett, 137½, Pasadena, four. Scoring; referee Jordan, 39-38, Saalakhan; judge Moret, 39-38, Triplett; judge Farrell, 40-38, Saalakhan.

Ernie Snow, timekeeper.

Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.

(02-21-85)

DEAN LOHUIS

FLORIDA

►**TAMPA—Egypt Shrine Temple**—Don Shiver, 154½, Tampa, survived a ninth round battering and knockdown to win a close but unanimous decision over Clint Jackson, 154¾, Madison, Wisconsin, 10. Shiver is now 18-0. Jackson is 24-7.

John (The Matador) Munduga, 148½, Uganda, won a unanimous decision over Willie McGee, 147, Miami, eight. Munduga is now 19-0. McGee is 5-6-1.

Robert Medina, 135½, St. Petersburg, Florida, kayoed Robert Coleman, 135, Miami, in the first round. Medina is now 11-1-1.

Harvey Hester, 144½, Orlando, TKO'd Tony Hollis, 150, Muscle Shoals, Alabama, in the second. Hester is now 16-0 with 11 kayoes.

Keith Stevenson, 138½, South Shore, Kentucky, won a unanimous decision over Reese Smith, 138½, Nashville, Tenn.

Four-rounders: Danny Hand, 156¾, Ft. Myers, Florida, won a unanimous decision over Anderson James Freeman. Bernard Johnson, 156¾, Augusta, Georgia, won a unanimous verdict over Wesley Reid, 160, Montego Bay, Jamaica. Terry Anderson, 216, Pensacola, Florida, won a unanimous duke over O.T. Davis, 240, Miami.

Officials—Rich Carli, Darrell Brown, Tom Brown, Richard Cipriani, Pete Valiente, Wilson Robinson.

Promoter—Phil Alessi.

Matchmaker—Brad Jacobs.

Ring Announcer—M. Mark Beiro.

Attendance—2,000 (estimated).

USA Cable TV.

(03-07-85)

JUSTIN LAWRENCE
SYLVIA LUFRIU

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

►**HONOLULU, OAHU—Blaisdell Arena**—Jesus Salud, 120¾, Waianae, Hawaii, won a split decision over Alfred Rangel, also 120¾, San Antonio, Texas, in the 10-round main event. The scores were 98-92, 98-95, and 95-96. Salud is now 12-0. Rangel is 10-2. Manuel Tolentino, referee.

Larry Benson, 138¾, Kaneohe, Hawaii, TKO'd Antoine Lark, 139¼, at, officially, 0:01 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. The bout was actually stopped by Lark's chief second at the end of the fifth frame. Benson is now 10-3. Lark is 4-6-1.

Paul Lucas, 124¾, Mililani, Hawaii, TKO'd Norman Moya, 124¼, Refugio, Texas, at 2:36 of the third round in a scheduled six. Lucas is now 3-0. Moya is 1-1. The loser was down twice.

Derrick Drane, 161¼, Kaneohe, Hawaii, TKO'd Sgele Fagota, 164, Waipahu, Hawaii, at 0:01 of the sixth and final round. Drane, now 12-3, survived clean knockdowns in the first and third rounds. Fagota, now 2-1, ran out of gas and did not answer the bell for the last round.

Edric Kerr, 163½, Kona, Hawaii, won a unanimous decision over Manuel Mamuscia, 161½, Honolulu, five. Kerr is now 8-4. Mamuscia is 4-5. Rough bout; both men were guilty of illegal tactics.

Chris Ulu, 141, Waianae, Hawaii, won a unanimous decision over debuting Marcus Henderson, 140¼, Honolulu, four. Ulu is now 3-4-1.

Referees—Manuel Tolentino, Paul Kelly.

Judges—Herbert Minn, Louis Race, Tamotsu Tomihara.

Timekeepers—Clarence Senarighi, Ah Chew Goo.

Ringside Physicians—Herbert Nam, Robert Maehara.

Pacific International Promotions, Inc.

Attendance—1,416. Gross—$14,953.

(01-22-85)

►**HONOLULU—Blaisdell Center**—Jesus Salud, 122, Waianae, Hawaii, TKO'd Jose Salas, 121, Mexico, at 1:57 of the fourth round in the scheduled 10-round main event. Salud is now 13-0. Salas, who had sustained a third round TKO loss in San Antonio, Texas six days prior to this contest, is 16-12-1. He fought while under an automatic 30-day suspension by the Texas State Commission, and the matter is now under investigation. Abraham Pacheco, referee.

Larry Benson, 135½, Kaneohe, Hawaii, TKO'd Danny Montalvo, also 135½, San Antonio, at 2:57 of the second round in a scheduled eight. Benson, now 11-3, dropped Montalvo with a left-right combo, and the referee stepped in. Montalvo is now 6-5-1.

Paul Lucas, 125¼, Mililani, Hawaii, won a unanimous decision over Rudy Rodriguez, 125, San Antonio, Texas, six. Lucas is now 4-0 with three kayoes. Rodriguez is 5-6.

Derrick Drane, 156¼, Kaneohe, Hawaii, won a unanimous decision over Tommy Rogers, Chicago, Ill., six. Drane is now 13-3. Rogers, virtually out following a knockdown in round two, is 12-9-2.

Jimmy Jennings, 179½, San Antonio, won a split decision over Patrick Slade, 184, Aiea, Hawaii, six. Jennings is now 5-5. Slade is 1-1-1.

Ray Keaulana, 140, Honolulu, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Marcus Henderson, 140, Honolulu, four. Henderson is now 0-2.

Referees—Abraham Pacheco, Manuel Tolentino.

Judges—Paul Kelly, Bill Pacheco, Chuck Williams.

Timekeepers—Clarence Senarighi, Ah Chew Goo.

Ringside Physicians—Robert Maehara, Herbert Nam.

Pacific International Promotions, Inc.

Attendance—1,293. Gross—$13,580.

(02-12-85)

►**HONOLULU—Blaisdell Arena**—Ralph Aviles, 130, Honolulu, TKO'd Robert Mullins, 127, Spartanburg, South Carolina, at 2:44 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Aviles is now 25-3. Mullins is 32-18-1. The loser, whose legs appear to be gone, was dropped five times. Herbert Minn, referee.

Jesus Salud, 121½, Waianae, Hawaii, TKO'd Jeff Hanna, 121, Terre Haute, Indiana, at 2:19 of round seven in their scheduled 10. Salud is now 14-0. Hanna is 13-7-1.

Larry Benson, 135¾, Kaneohe, Hawaii, won a close but unanimous decision over Vernon (Yogi) Buchanan, 133¾, St. Louis, Mo., eight. Benson is now 12-3. Buchanan is 7-1-1.

Paul Lucas, 126, Mililani, Hawaii, won a unanimous decision over Sebastian Wilburn, 127¼, Benton Harbor, Michigan, six. Lucas is now 6-0. Wilburn, who looked good, is 2-1.

Richard Pelen, 130, Waianae, Hawaii, TKO'd Kevin Sedam, 128¾, Indianapolis, at 1:39 of the first round in their scheduled six. Pelen is now 3-1. Sedam, decked four times, is 2-3-1.

Sagele Fagota, 167¼, Honolulu, TKO'd Edward Larry, 163, Honolulu, at 1:37 of the first round in a scheduled five. Fagota is now 3-1. Larry, decked thrice, is now 4-1.

Marcus Henderson, 144, Honolulu, won a unanimous decision over Rick Marquez, 143½, Pearl City, Hawaii, four. Henderson is now 1-2. Marquez, floored in the first session, is now 3-6-2. Rick is a veteran making a comeback.

Referees—Herbert Minn, Abraham Pacheco, Milton Higa.

Judges—Louis Race, Tamotsu Tomihara, Manuel Tolentino.

Timekeepers—Clarence Senarighi, Henry Perreira.

Physicians—Herbert Nam, Robert Maehara.

Pacific International Promotions, Inc.

Attendance—2,050. Gross—$22,010.

(03-19-85)

KENTUCKY

►**LEXINGTON**—Keith Allen, 205, Louisville, won a unanimous decision over Tim Miller, also 205, Russell, Kentucky, eight.

Sam Schaff, 250, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, knocked out Joe Presswood, 205, Cincinnati, in the first round of their scheduled eight.

Sam Floyd, 156, Louisville, kayoed John Howard, 166, Cincinnati, in 1:45 of the third round in another scheduled eight.

Kenny Heflin, 165, Louisville, knocked out Gerald Moore, 158, Cincinnati, in 2:10 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Gene Stevens, 151, Louisville, TKO'd Phil Bowen, 158, Cincinnati, at 1:12 of the third round. David Hill, 159, Lexington, kayoed Percy McCalley, 153, Cincinnati, at 2:25 of the first. Lamories Adams, 178, Lexington, knocked out Nate Walker, 169, Cincinnati, in 2:20 of the first.

Promoter—Marion Hiles.

(03-04-85)

MARYLAND

►**PIKESVILLE—Armory**—It was ladies night at the fights. Two bouts involving women headlined the show.

The feature bout almost did not come off. "Lady Tyger" Trimiar, 155, was brought all the way in from Los Angeles as the star attraction. It seems that this former "lightweight champion of the world" would once again have to sit out in frustration. A urine test of opponent Diane Clark, 154½, Queens, N.Y. showed that she was pregnant. "No fight," said the commission. Ring announcer Tony Baldoni even let the fans know the so-called truth.

As it turned out, Diane was rushed to a local lab and further testing proved that she wasn't pregnant and at 8:30 P.M., the fight was back on.

It didn't turn out to be much. Tyger, even noticeably holding back, was too good for Clark, who quit at 1:32 of round two. There were no knockdowns in this scheduled six (two-minute rounds) round bout refereed by Harry Checcini.

In another all-lady affair, Laurie "Ann" Holt, 130, Waterville, Maine, won a six-round (two minutes each) unanimous decision over gutty southpaw "Tough" Toni Rodriguez, 130, Scranton, Pa. Holt was impressive. Referee was Larry Barrett.

Four conventional bouts involving men preceded the female encounters.

George Brown, 146¼, Bay City, Mich./Fayetteville, N.C., took a split six round decision over George Leach, 145, Washington, D.C. The scores in this good action bout were 59-55 and 59-56 for Brown and 58-57, Leach. Referee was Terry Moore.

In even a better action bout, Troy Watson, 154, Bay City/Fayetteville, took a six-round unanimous decision over Andre Harrell, 154, Baltimore. Scores: 59-57, 59-57, and 58-56. Ref, Frank Kelly.

Kent Hardee, 131, Fayetteville, N.C., won a four round unanimous decision over comebacking Bryant Paden, 135½, Philadelphia, Pa. Ref, Ray Klingmeyer.

Former amateur star Michael Goudeau, 145½, St. Louis, Mo./Phila., TKO'd James Byrd, 141, Baltimore, at 2:15 of the first round in a scheduled four. Byrd was dropped three times, and the bout was automatically stopped.

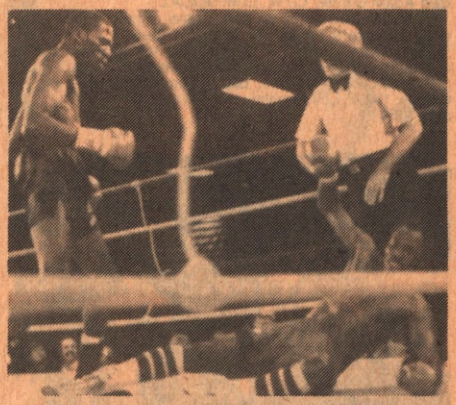
Century Boxing Association, Inc.

Judges—Alternating were: Tom Kelly, Frank Kelly, Terry Moore, and Larry Barnett.

Attendance—1,020.

(03-01-85)

JACK OBERMAYER



Former WBA junior lightweight champion Roger Mayweather (left) admires his handiwork after knocking down Billy "The Kid" White for the fourth and final time to score a fifth round TKO victory. The referee is Davey Pearl. Photo by Chris Farina

NEVADA

►**LAS VEGAS—Showboat**—Roger Mayweather does not enjoy his current station in life. And it shows every time he goes to work.

The 23-year old Mayweather has put his natural joviality on hold until he reclaims the World Boxing Association junior lightweight crown he held for 13 months before Rocky Lockridge ruined it all with one right hand to the jaw early in 1984.

Roger has assumed a lean and mean posture. The ex-champ says he'll stay that way until he punches his way back to Lockridge, or perhaps Julio Cesar Chavez, the World Boxing Council's 130-pound counterpart.

The only reason the Las Vegan made his most recent start at the Showboat hotel-casino was because a fight with Mario Martinez of Mexico fell out, and he didn't want to waste the conditioning.

The experience was most unfortunate for Billy "The Kid" White of St. Louis. Mayweather erased the first-time visitor's undefeated standing inside five rounds in what was slated for 10 rounds as Top Ranks' ESPN main event.

Mayweather not only knocked down White four times before referee Davey Pearl called it off at 2:18 of the fifth round, but he was completely obnoxious in intimidating the 26-year old White before the first bell.

Roger would not get out of White's face before announcer Chuck Hull made the introductions. After the first round ended, Mayweather "escorted" White back to his corner with some shoulder bumping and icy stares.

"It wasn't anything personal," Mayweather said. "I was just psyching him, letting him know he was in with a former world champion who was going to be champion again." Once I landed that first right, I knew it was just a matter of time.

"Because White was a southpaw, I couldn't hit him with the right the way I wanted to because it's hard to counter the longer distance. I'm satisfied with the effort, but you always feel you could do more."

Mayweather did enough in extending his record to 20-2 while adding his 13th kayo. White's log dipped to 14-1, 11 KOs, but he was simply outgunned by a stronger, more experienced world class opponent.

Coming in at 132½ (the contract limit), Mayweather had a four-pound edge over White and it showed.

After decking White in the first round, Mayweather wrapped it up in the fifth. He dropped the gutty rival, who had knocked out Dana Roston in the amateurs, with a right early in the round. White was up at the "six" count, but ran into two more rights which dropped him in Mayweather's corner.

Upright again, White, who won a reported 152 amateur bouts, took three more rights and went reeling into his own

corner. When the Missouri boxer was back on the canvas from another right, the stoppage was automatic.

The cast was set for the ESPN TV middleweight title when Charles Campbell, 159½, Fort Worth, Tx., TKO'd Jon Michel Roy, 158½, San Bernardino, Calif., at 2:13 of the third round to win the western regional crown.

Campbell, picking up his 12th kayo on a 15-0-1 record, was scheduled to meet Ray Ray Gray of Philadelphia, the eastern champion, in April at Atlantic City.

In a scheduled 10-rounder, Campbell had Roy down twice in the first round from combinations and ended it when he pinned his opponent on the ropes with a six-punch volley which prompted referee Richard Steele to halt the contest.

In other prelims, Andy Minisker, 127¾, Milwaukie, Ore., made it 3-0 as a pro with a hard-earned six-round decision over Adam Garcia, 127¼, El Mirage, Az.

Roberto Cantu, 130½, Las Vegas, boxed a six-round draw with Evelio Perez, 129, Anaheim, Calif.

Said Ayub, 203½, Las Vegas, debuted as a pro with a six-round decision over Sylvester Ramsey, 233, Las Vegas.

James Dickson, 130½, Las Vegas, outpunched Ruben Guerra, 132½, Los Angeles, in a six-rounder.
(02-28-85)

Dana Roston (right) lands a right to the body of the evasive Jorge "Rocky" Garcia at the Showboat enroute to a unanimous 10-round victory. Photo by Chris Farina

►**LAS VEGAS—Showboat**—Dana Roston has an obsession about fighting Azumah Nelson, but the popular Las Vegan didn't show enough in his last start to cause the World Boxing Council featherweight champion a sleepless night.

The 22-year old Roston did get past the toughest rival in his young career with a 10-round unanimous decision over Jorge "Rocky" Garcia in Top Ranks' ESPN monthly card at the Showboat hotel-casino.

Yet if the fleet, flamboyant Roston expects a high ride into the 126-pound divison's Top Ten ratings before the year is out, there is still some work back at the drawing board.

There were some ringside opinions that the 26-year old Garcia merited the decision, but the counter-punching Los Angeles veteran permitted Roston to force the action, an endeavor which obviously caught the judges' eye.

Dave Moretti tabbed it 96-95 and Jerry Roth voted 97-94 while Lou Tabat made it 98-93, all for Roston. *The Ring*'s tab disagreed, making it 96-95 for Garcia.

Roston, 127¼, improving his credentials to 13-1-1, 6 KOs, was never able to fully utilize his superior speed of hand and foot. The clever Garcia, 127¾, methodically tied up the erstwhile Kentuckian at every turn.

By his own admission, Roston was "never able to catch Garcia solidly."

Garcia, whose record is now 26-5-2, was most effective pinning Roston's arms to his sides and double hooking him to the head and body in a matchup devoid of knockdowns.

"I'm glad to get this fight behind me but I was in great shape," Roston reflected. "Garcia held me a lot and he could punch quick in the clinches. I'd rather had it a "you take me, or I'll take you" kind of fight, I couldn't get my jab off like I wanted to, but I think I might have hurt him once or twice. I had no trouble with the distance because (manager) Bill Baxter pushed me in training."

Baxter, who also manages former World Boxing Association junior lightweight king Roger Mayweather, wasn't too disappointed in Roston's first 10-rounder since Steve Cruz handed him his only defeat Jan. 20, 1984 at the Showboat.

"Dana needed work like this and it's better he went the distance than getting an early knockout," Baxter opined. "He'll profit from this kind of fight and should learn that he has to shorten up his punches against experienced guys like Garcia. He can't fight them with those looping, wild punches. Dana is always talking about Azumah Nelson, but we're not going to rush him until he's ready."

Jackie McCoy, who manages and trains Garcia in partnership with Joe Tovar, made no excuses for his protege who wascoming off two draws with Tommy Cordova, both at the 'Boat last September and November.

"'Rocky' wasn't as busy as he should have been, but Dana never hit him that hard," McCoy said. "I thought it was closer than some of the judges and told Garcia that he couldn't afford to lose any late rounds."

Topping the undercard was two eight-round bouts in ESPN's heavyweight TV tournament eliminations.

Tony Anthony, 215½, Detroit, had too much power in ending the undefeated status of Eddie Richardson, 218¾, Dallas, on a unanimous decision. Anthony, who was disqualified in the first round for hitting Mike Weaver from behind after the bell here last Nov. 9 at the Riviera, extended his record to 17-3-, 11 KOs. Richardson slipped to 11-1, 6 KOs.

Michael Greer, 197, Memphis, Tn., knocked down Andrew Stokes, 219¾, Anderson, Ind., en route to a unanimous decision. Greer improved his log to 20-5-3, 11 KOs while Stokes fell to 9-2-1, 5 KOs.

Bob Smith, 174½, a Philadelphian now based in Las Vegas, gained a TKO victory over Bobby Sacco, 174½, El Paso, Tx., at 2:06 of the third round, improving his record to three kayo wins and two draws in a scheduled six-rounder. Sacco slipped to 3-2, 3 KOs.

Tony Davi, 140½, Las Vegas, made his pro debut with a TKO of Mike Cruz, 140, Los Angeles, at 36 seconds of the third round in a "walk out" four-rounder.
(03-15-85)

►**LAS VEGAS—Riviera**—Darryl Fuller, rebounding from a first round knockdown, came storming back to drop Kel Robin four times en route to capturing the Continental Americas super lightweight crown on a TKO victory at 2:25 of the 11th round at the Riviera hotel-casino.

Fuller, 23, a Nashville boxer making his first appearance in the west, upset the taller champion from Miami when he stopped slugging in the fifth round and effectively began employing a solid left jab.

Fuller, 140, making his first start since last July 10 when he erased Rick Dawson in three rounds, simply overpowered the taller Robin, 140, down the stretch in the scheduled 12-rounder promoted by Don King Productions.

The Tennessee invader showed no effects of a badly bruised right knuckle which kept him sidelined in improving his credentials to 17-4-1 while picking up his 15th knockout.

The loss was a shocker to Robin, who was outstanding in a title defense here last December 16 against Tyrone Moore, as his record dipped to 19-3-1, 16 KOs.

The mustachioed Fuller really turned everything around in the eighth round and dropped Robin for the second time in the ninth when he caught the champion with a right-left just before the bell.

Robin, sensing he was falling behind, came out firing in the 11th, scoring with combinations to the head and body. Suddenly Fuller landed a right-left and then decked the Virgin Island native with a left and short right in a neutral corner.

Robin took referee Davey Pearl's count to eight and then rose to run into another, jolting left-right, sagging to his knees. When Robin rose this time, he lurched sideways, prompting Pearl to abbreviate the contest.

The stoppage eliminated possible controversy in the judges' scoring. Jerry Roth had it 95-95 after 10 rounds while Lou Tabat's reading was 97-91 for Fuller. Tom Tucker of Reno voted 96-93 for Robin.

In another shocker, Nery Reyes, 134, San Jose, Ca., grounded high-flying Erick Madrid, 133¾, Sylmar, Ca., with a TKO at 2:30 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10-rounder.

It was Madrid, the power-punching boxer, against Reyes, an unorthodox slugger, until the latter drove a straight right to the former's jaw. Madrid dropped flat on his back, but when the previously undefeated Californian rose and tottered with his hands down, Pearl halted the bout.

Reyes improved his record to 9-4 while Madrid dipped to 18-1-1 with 16 kayoes coming primarily in southern California rings.

San Jose's Mitchell Julien, 143¾, rolled to his 15th straight victory against mismatched Eduardo Castillo, 146, San Diego, with a blitz at 1:42 of the first round.

Referee Richard Steele halted the rout when Julien's combinations to the head dropped Castillo in a neutral corner for the second time. Julien added his 11th kayoe and third Las Vegas victory while Castillo's record fell to 14-5 in the scheduled 10-rounder. The Nevada State Athletic Commission reportedly upheld Castillo's purse for an inept performance.

Vincent Webb, 141¾, Phoenix, Az., was hard pressed to gain a six-round draw with Roberto Garcia, 141, Los Angeles.

Unbeaten Louis Curtis, 116, Phoeniz, Az., added his sixth win and fifth knockout, stopping Ewloy Smith, 118¾, Phoenix, Az., at 59 seconds of the second round.

Scott Ochoa, 162, Salt Lake City, outpounched Tom Covington, 166, Phoenix, Az., in a six-rounder.
(03-20-85)

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►**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—Serious contenders should pick their matches with an eye to sharpening up, but too often it's more a case of protecting their investment. So it was when Tyrone "Butterfly" Crawley, 138, Philadelphia, ground out a monotonous whitewash of hapless Nick Parker, 137, Erie, 10. With a title shot assured, Crawley's camp opted to play this one for laughs. Parker drew a rise from the crowd when he unveiled a pair of tassled trunks, but provided little excitement thereafter. Not that he didn't try, but the club fighter was just no match for a top contender. The only real interest came when Crawley began shaking his right hand around the third, leading fans to wonder if he'd damaged it, and blown the title shot. Turns out it had gone numb, which Tyrone blamed on bad hand wrappings. When the feeling returned in the final round, Crawley gleefully shouted to his corner, "My hand woke up!" Parker wasn't amused. He lost all three cards, 10-0. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

The ESPN welter tourhament got underway with two contrasting bouts; one a slick and entertaining boxing match, the other a sloppy and unpleasing brawl. In the former, workhorse Roberto "Sugar" Mendez, 147½, Philadelphia, upset unbeaten Rodney Trusel, 146, Detroit, by unanimous decision, eight. The frail-looking Trusel boxed well in early going, but Sugar's body shots took it out of him, as he tired and was in trouble in the final round. Ref Cappuccino.

Troy Wortham, 146¼, Hartford, scored a unanimous win over Kenny Butler, 147, Boston, eight. The totally unpolished Butler is tough, but little else. His mauling and brawling gave Wortham problems at the start, but once Troy got Kenny's charges measured for counters, he went on to take command. Referee Rudy Battle.

Rickey Womach, 175¾, Detroit, destroyed Victor Felder, 176½, New York, at 3:02 of the second in a scheduled six. The gritty Felder wasn't just a body for the near-Olympian, as he closed Rickey's right eye in brutal slugging, before an atomic bomb of a left hook knocked Victor cold for several minutes. Referee, Battle.

Two once-promising heavies returned in a good battle, with Marty Capasso, 213¼, Aston Twp., Pa, winning a close but convincing unanimous decision over Gary Lightbourne, 209, Oceanside, N.Y., six. Gary was rocked by counters several times. Ref Battle.

Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).

Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.

Attendance—1,000 (est.).

Judges—Frank Brunette, Lawrence Wallace, Phil Newman.

Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.

Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(01-31-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Years ago, a fight like this, an all-Philly showdown between two middleweight contenders, would've packed the Spectrum. A few years too late, and a city away, Curtis Parker met Frank Fletcher in a battle that kept up the tradition in its ferocity, but matched "The Animal's" dwindling career in its brevity. Going in, both sluggers predicted they would outbox the other, like pitchers bragging about their hitting. It didn't work out that way at all. Fletcher, 160, did try circling away in the first, and seemed to fool Parker, also 160, to edge out a close, action round. During the rest, trainer Willie Reddish told Curtis to go inside, and he did. With Frank pinned on the ropes, the two engaged in withering trench warfare throughout the second, until Fletcher tried to explode off the strands late in the round.

Parker just stepped up his offense, driving Frank back into a corner, and unloading four right hand bombs that sent his mouthpiece flying, gashed his right eye, and left him with only the ropes holding him up. Referee Paul Venti administered a standing eight count, the bell rang, and Fletcher began staggering toward his corner. The journey was almost as eventful as the fight. He stumbled once, Venti grabbing his trunks to hold him up, and barely made it back. Dr. Frank Doggett refused to let Fletcher out for the third round of the scheduled 10. He appears finished, and did indeed announce his retirement later. But if Fletcher is "The Animal," Curtis might be "The Phoenix." He continually arises from his own ashes, coming back from losses as if nothing happened.

Calvin Grove, 127, Coatesville, Pa, scored a unanimous decision over Kelvin Seabrooks, 124½, Charlotte, N.C., in an excellent 10. Facing his toughest test, the unbeaten Grove got his feet wet, being dropped and in serious trouble in the second. But he battled back to outclass Seabrooks with sharp boxing, and evened the knockdowns in the fifth. Joe O'Neil refereed.

Unbeaten Tony Thornton, 159½, Glassboro, N.J., got all he wanted from unsung Jerome Johnson, 160½, Jackson, N.J., in a bout that could have gone either way. Staggering Johnson with a sneak right in the eighth and last round should have been all that made the difference. But while Richard F. Murry voted 5-3 Johnson, Charles Spina and Thomas Kaczmarek both had a too-wide 6-2 for Thornton. Referee, O'Neil.

A tiring Hughie (Buttons) Kearney, 145¼, Philadelphia, barely survived a late surge by George Brown, 147, Fayetteville, N.C., to win a majority decision, six. Referee, Venti.

Timmy (Holy) Moley, 134½, Selden, LI, came off the floor in the first to earn a split draw with Matthew Jefferson, 133¼, Bronx, four. Referee, Venti.

After exchanging knockdowns in the first, Felipe Parrilla, 139¾, Bronx, went on to a unanimous win over southpaw Brian Britt, 140½, Camden, four. Ref O'Neil.

Promoter—J. Russell Peltz (Sands/Tiger Eye Ltd.).
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—1,000 (SRO).
Timekeeper—Steve Smoger.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(02-04-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Bernard Benton, 190, Toledo via Detroit, rumbled to a unanimous win over Stanley Ross, 190¼, Phila., in a gruelling 10. Both disdained footwork in favor of rugged infighting. But while Ross chose to go for the big flurry, then rest, the obstinate Benton just kept rolling. Stanley's tactic nearly paid off in the third, when a ripping right stunned Benton and had him ready to be taken. But Ross couldn't find the handle again, as Bernard took command in the middle rounds with a relentless body attack that had Stan tiring. The loser left his mark, however. Counters had Benton's left eye closed by the eighth, slowing the express to a local, and allowing Ross to slip back into the fight. William Kostrub scored 8-2, Ron Burns 6-4, and Milo Savage 5-3-2. Larry Hazzard refereed.

In a rematch, Anthony English, 128¼, Camden, evened the score with Tony Saladin, 131¼, Newark, with a vengeance! Beautiful combination punching destroyed Saladin, dropping him twice for a TKO at 2:52 of the second in a scheduled eight. Ted Pick, referee.

Luis Ramos, 113, Brooklyn, split decisioned a fouling Luis Gonzalez, 112½, Bronx, in a hard-fought six. Hazzard, referee.

Tony Pruitt, 118, St. Louis via Phila., dropped a stubborn Mike Russell, 120¾, Washington, D.C., in the first, then had to outlast him for a unanimous win in a rugged four. Pick, referee.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—700 (est.).
Timekeeper—Steve Smoger.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(02-05-85)

Red hot Poncho Carter walks away from Jim (Kool Aid) Jones after dropping him with a left hook for a second round TKO. Photo by Bill Muhlack

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Jim (Kool Aid) Jones, 183, Buffalo, was propelled into a main event as a sacrificial lamb, and destroyed by red-hot Poncho Carter, 175, Augusta, Ga. Jones, who wasn't ready for a scheduled 10, outboxed Poncho for most of the first, until a booming left hook dropped him at the bell. Human torpedo Carter wasted little time finishing his victim in the second, a fusillade of bombs leaving Kool Aid in ruination along the ropes at just 0:34.

"He's like a robot," Jones lamented. "The guy had no particular style for me to adapt to. There was no finesse. I didn't want to get into a slugfest, but it happened." Tony Perez refereed.

Barry Audia, 166, Pennington Gap, Virginia, struggled to a unanimous win over reluctant Ronnie Lee Warrior (who proved to be anything but), 163¾, Okmulgee, OK, in a stinker, eight. Referee, Steve Smoger.

John Freda, 163¾, Jersey City, clubbed George Lanton, 171½, Haverstraw, N.Y., for a unanimous win in a brutally-fought six. Referee, Perez.

Wali Muhammad, 176, Orange, N.J. showed a potent arsenal in exploding out Alfred Shoffner, 169, High Pt., N.C., with a two-knockdown kayo at 2:27 of the first round of a scheduled four. Referee, Smoger.

Likewise, Jesse Shaw, 175½, Chester, Pa, floored Joe Wheeler, 181, Newburgh, N.Y., in the first, then poleaxed him for a TKO at 0:33 of the third round of a scheduled four. Ref, Perez.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1400 (SRO).
Judges—Eva Shain, John Stewart, William Kostrub.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(02-12-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino**—After years of upsets in his opponents' back yards, Buster Drayton has finally found a home with promoter Dan Duva. Yet matched to win, Buster still manages to make the "easy" fights tough. Drayton, 157, Philadelphia, hammered hapless Thomas Smith, 160, Houston, for a unanimous 10-round decision. Having never faced a quality opponent before, Smith was no real threat to Drayton. Yet despite being hurt in the second, rocked and nose bloodied in the fifth, tiring in the eighth, and nearly out of there in the ninth, the game Smith still managed to take Buster the distance. Lynne Carter and Lawrence Wallace scored 9-1, Al DeVito 8-1-1. Rudy Battle refereed.

Tony Coleman, 125¾, Trenton, dropped lefty Juan Ocasio, 125, Bronx, in the second, got rocked himself while going for the finisher, then went on to hammer out a unanimous win in a good six. Referee Battle.

Chris Reid, 166½, Little Silver, NJ, clubbed the body of Miguel Rosa, 169, Holyoke, until Rosa limped to his corner at the end of the first, and refused to come out for the second of six. Referee Joe Cortez.

Larry Leone, 132, Bronx, took a couple rounds to figure out southpaw Tim Daniels, 131, Trenton, then gained command for a unanimous win, six. Ref Battle.

Gregory (formerly Robert) Thomas, 163¼, Philadelphia, scored an upset split verdict over Sammy Wright, 165¾, Atlantic City, four. Wright lost his concentration after suffering a badly cut eye in the first. Referee, Cortez.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events).
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Attendance—500 (est.).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(02-13-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—Almost forgotten, Bernard Taylor is quietly re-establishing himself as a major threat in the featherweight division. With a reputation as an almost cowardly runner and stinkout artist, Taylor showed he can engage in exciting trench warfare as well. He methodically chopped apart nobody's fool in Gerald Hayes, scoring a unanimous decision, 10. The dangerous Hayes, 128½, E. Orange, NJ, had given champion Pedroza all he wanted last time out, but proved almost no match for Taylor, 127¾, Knoxville. The key to Bernard's win was position. Instead of dancing away on his toes, he'd mastered the art of standing just out of the shorter Hayes' reach, slipping Gerald's shots and countering with sharp hooks and uppercuts.

Although Hayes gave Taylor a scare by cutting both his eyes, Gerald took a solid beating otherwise. Bleeding from the mouth and with only the ropes holding him up in the seventh, Gerald was given a standing eight by referee Tony Orlando. Hayes was staggered repeatedly in the next two rounds, before reviving to gut out the tenth. All three judges scored 8-2. Though he denied deliberately going for power to silence his critics, Bernard appears to have broadened his arsenal considerably.

Darryl Anthony, 146, St. Louis, got a scare in scoring a unanimous win over a gritty unknown, southpaw Sammy Rivera, 142¼, Knoxville, eight. Anthony started strong, dropping Rivera in the third. But Sammy hung around, gained momentum, and rocked Darryl with a right hook in the seventh. Eva Shain and Frank Cairo scored 5-3, Frank Brunette, 5-2-1. Joe O'Neil refereed.

John Meekins, 140, New York, dropped John Rafuse, 139¾, Boston, with a sharp combination in the second, but the determined Rafuse made a fight of it into the sixth and final round. Then, Meekins lured Rafuse in by turning away, then whirling with a right that dropped him. Rafuse arose, but referee Orlando called a TKO at 1:25.

Vernon Buchanan, 133½, St. Louis, scored a cut-eye TKO over tough-luck Tommy Green, 134½, New York, after three even rounds in a scheduled four. Ref Orlando.

Oscar Holman, 194, Philadelphia, dropped Larry Phelps, 192, Dayton, in the second, then nearly loafed it away, gaining a split verdict over four. Referee O'Neil.

Melvin Richardson, 140¾, Trenton, took a unanimous decision from Jose Gonzalez, 145, Boston, in a sloppy but earnest four. Referee, O'Neil.

Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—700 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(02-14-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel & Casino**—Coming off a big win, high-flying Gregg Edelman was nearly forced down by an unexpectedly stubborn Sammy Young. Edelman, 141, Merchantville, N.J., took a unanimous decision over Young, 140¼, Troy, N.Y., but had to survive 10 rounds of flak to get it. In the early going, Young, one of the toughest and most exciting trialhorses in the game, matched Edelman punch for punch in sizzling exchanges. In the third, a winging right should have put Gregg's head in the bleachers. The "Zion Lion" shook it off, but spent the next round boxing and circling away. Uncomfortable in a less combative role, Gregg went back to rumbling in the

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1. Larry Holmes (Pennsylvania)
2. Mike Weaver (California)
3. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
4. Jeff Sims (Florida)
5. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
6. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
7. Gerry Cooney (New York)
8. James (Quick) Tillis (Illinois)
9. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
10. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Texas)
11. Carl Williams (New York)
12. Spencer Chavis (Michigan)
13. Pisa Finai (Utah)
14. James (Buster) Douglas (Ohio)
15. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Anthony Davis (California)
USBA Champion
Bernard Benton (Ohio)
1. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
2. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
3. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)
4. Stanley Ross (Pennsylvania)
5. Ricky Parkey (New Jersey)
6. Bashiru Ali (California)
7. Dwight Braxton (New Jersey)
8. Tony Green (Florida)
9. Henry Hearns (California)
10. Randy Stephens (Texas)
11. Broderick Mason (Pennsylvania)
12. Elijah Tillery (New York)
13. Tim Thomas (Colorado)
14. Alex DeLucia (Oregon)
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Eddie Davis (New York)
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2. J.B. Williamson (California)
3. David Sears (New York)
4. Prince Mama Muhammad (California)
5. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
6. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
7. Pete McIntyre (California)
8. Tim Broady (New York)
9. Jim MacDonald (Texas)
10. Bobby Jennings (South Carolina)
11. Jerome Clouden (Louisiana)
12. John Davis (New York)
13. Roddy McDonald (Ontario)
14. Tyrone Booze (Connecticut)
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James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
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Vacant
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2. James Kinchen (California)
3. Don Lee (Indiana)
4. Doug DeWitt (New York)
5. John Collins (Illinois)
6. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
7. Lindell Holmes (Michigan)
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NABF Champion
David Braxton (Michigan)
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Duane Thomas (Michigan)
1. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
2. Fred Hutchings (California)
3. Davey Moore (New York)
4. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
5. Richard Greene (Oregon)
6. Ricardo Bryant (Pennsylvania)
7. James Green (New Jersey)
8. Gonzalo Montez (Mexico)
9. Earl Hargrove (Pennsylvania)
10. Matthew Hilton (Quebec)
11. Mardo Roybal (California)
12. Thomas Smith (Texas)
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NABF Champion
Pedro Villela (New York)
USBA Champion
Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. Darrell Chambers (Michigan)
3. David Hilton (Quebec)
4. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
5. Simon Brown (D.C.)
6. Floyd Mayweather (Michigan)
7. Rudy Hernandez (California)
8. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
9. Maurice Blocker (New Jersey)
10. Donny Poole (Ontario)
11. Lanny Edmond (Michigan)
12. Sanford Ricks (New Jersey)
13. Robert Rucker (New York)
14. Diomedes Colome (California)
15. Dennis Benjamin (Texas)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Ronnie Shields (Texas)
USBA Champion
Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
1. Aaron Pryor (Ohio)
2. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
3. Joe Louis Manley (New Jersey)
4. Mitchell Julian (California)
5. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
6. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
7. Tony Baltazar (California)
8. Othal Dixon (Texas)
9. Darryl Fuller (Tennessee)
10. Ken Robin (Florida)
11. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
12. Saoul Mamby (New York)
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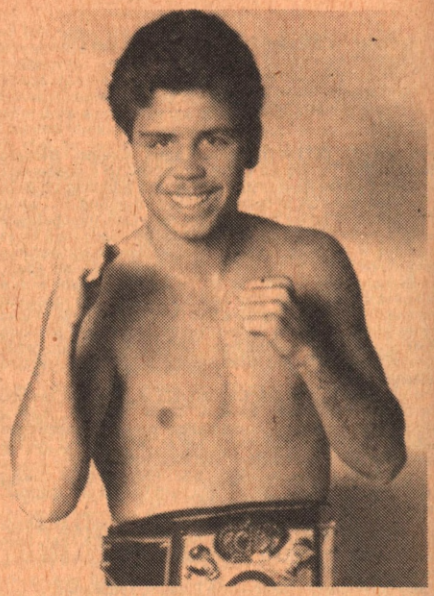

Undefeated Gregg Edelman had to pull out all the stops to earn a 10-round unanimous decision over rugged Sammy Young. Photo by Pete Goldfield

fifth. They took turns rattling each other into the seventh, when Edelman finally broke through Sammy's durability and had him hurt. The game Young took a battering through the final rounds, but never gave ground without a fight. Tony Orlando refereed.

In a "pier sixer," "Homicide" Hanif Islam (formerly Guy Ramey), 190½, Paterson, scored an upset TKO over Joel Dynamo Hum, 192½, Erie, at 2:21 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Hum couldn't cope with the southpaw style, getting badly cut up in the first, and taking a standing eight in the second. Hanif drew the ire of the fans by mocking Hum with a display of feigned injury shortly before referee Paul Venti rescued the loser.

Angel Sindo, 153, Camden, TKO'd Nate Godbolt, 155½, Philadelphia, with a standing eight at 2:13 of the second round in a scheduled six. Venti, referee.

Johnnie Banks Walker, 152½, Elizabeth, blasted David Torres, 150¼, Bronx, with an explosive right, then dropped and TKO'd him at 1:13 of the first round in a scheduled four. Orlando, referee.

Jorge Collazo, 119, Plainfield, dropped Jose Santiago, 123, Hartford, in the first, then won a unanimous decision in a good four. Venti, referee.

Judges Eva Shain and Frank Cairo spoiled an otherwise fine program by awarding a totally undeserved draw to Fred Reed Hall, 123, New York, against Mike Green, 122, Plainfield, four. Richard F. Murry voted correctly—4-0, Green. Orlando, referee.

Promoters—Josephine Abercrombie, Jeff Levine (Houston Boxing Association East).
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Attendance—1,000 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Announcer—Frank Shain.
(02-27-85)

J.R. JOWETT

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel-Casino**—Anthony English, 126, Camden, N.J. pulled off a mild upset by winning a unanimous decision over world rated junior featherweight Juan Veloz, 125, Chihuahua, Mexico. It wasn't much as fights go. The southpaw Mexican claimed later that English was too strong and that he should not have been boxing such a bigger man. Veloz was reluctant from the start and English just did what he had to. Scores: Ron Burns, 8-2, Lynn Carter, 9-1; Tom Kaczmarek, 8-2. *The Ring* saw it 5-3-2, English. Referee was Frank Cappuccino.

Chester Richardson, 131, Youngstown, Ohio, won an eight round unanimous decision over Jocko King, 131¼, Philadelphia, Pa. King, who, just 19 days earlier, took a bad beating right here in Atlantic City, came back to take some more—especially in the first four rounds. Jocko needs a rest. Scores: Burns, 5-3; Carter, 5-3; Kaczmarek, 6-2. *The Ring* had it 6-2. Referee was Steve Smoger.

Ron Malik, 156¼, Wichita, Ka., TKO'd Chris Riskus, 154¼, Pittsburgh, Pa., at the end of round four; not out for fifth round in a scheduled six. Riskus was just getting overwhelmed by Malik with each passing round. Ref, Cappuccino.

In a solid action bout, underdog James Barham, 164½, Philadelphia, won a unanimous six round decision over Mike Castronova, 161¾, Youngstown, Ohio. Southpaw

Castronova came in at 14-4, while Barham was only 2-3. Scores: Burns, 4-2; Carter, 5-1; Kaczmarek, 3-2-1. *The Ring* had it 4-2 for Barham, who worked the body effectively. Ref, Smoger.

In a battle of face first boys, Mark Marciano, 155¾, So. River, N.J., took a unanimous four-round decision over Todd Englehart, 160¾, Lebanon, Pa. Ref, Cappuccino.

Na'eem Muhammad, 129½, Orange, N.J. won a four-round unanimous decision over the tall, reluctant, and soft chinned Carlos Garcia, 129½, Hoboken, N.J. In the only knockdown of the entire show, Garcia was dropped in round three by a short right. Ref, Smoger.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.

Promoters—Elbaum and Menas.

(03-12-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana**—Kelvin Seabrooks, a young man who has had no easy time of it (he is now 15-9, 12 KO's) is, however, learning. The Charlotte, N.C. boxer, weighing 124½, TKO'd Lane Killian, 125¼, Ft. Payne, Alab., in the sixth round (not allowed out of his corner for round seven) of a scheduled 10-round main event.

After a slow first round, Seabrooks got inside his taller straight-up southpaw foe. Landing blistering combinations, both inside and out, he bloodied and battered Killian from round two on. In the sixth, referee Joe Cortez issued Lane a standing eight-count.

It didn't appear that Killian had run completely out of chances. The ringside physician who stopped the bout would give no explanation for his actions and, quite naturally, Killian himself felt he could go on. Killian dropped to 15-2, both losses coming to Seabrooks.

Greg Tutt, 147, Philadelphia, Pa., won a six round unanimous decision over Derrick Earvin, 151¾, Birmingham, Ala. Referee was Joe O'Neil. All cards were 5-1.

Mike Mohn, 196, Shillington, Pa., won a four-round split decision over Egerton Foster, 199, Birmingham, Ala. The ref was O'Neil. All cards were 3-1.

Donnell Wingfield, 170, Cleveland, Ohio, won a four-round unanimous decision over Andra Hayes, 175, Asbury Park, N.J. Cortez, referee. Scores were 3-1, 3-1, and 3-0-1.

Tony Pruitt, 118, Philadelphia, scored a TKO win over debuting Chain Cooper, 113, Louisville, KY., at 2:47 of round three in a scheduled four. Cooper was dropped by a double left hook. He got up at seven, but stumbled and referee Cortez waved it over at that time.

Judges—Ricky Castellani, Ray Hoagland, Al DeVito.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.

Promoters—Elbaum and Menas.

Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.

(03-19-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel-Casino**—In what was the third main-event penciled in for this night, one-day sub Allen Braswell, 147, Brooklyn, stopped four-day fill-in, Frank Montgomery, 144¼, Phila., with an eighth round TKO (not out for round nine) in a scheduled 10 refereed by Frank Cappuccino. Braswell, a consistent loser of late, came out for round one with all the confidence in the world. He took it right to Frank; himself a loser (now 12-2) in his last outing back in early October.

Frank's nose was bleeding early on and, as the bout wore on, it got worse and worse. The doctor visited his corner on two occasions. In round eight, Allen was really putting it to his adversary and even famed cutman Eddie Aliano could not stem the flow of blood.

It was stopped because the physicians felt that with so much bleeding, it was probably broken. At the time of the stoppage, Braswell led on all three official cards. Judge Ron Burns and John Stewart both had it 4-3-1, while William Kostrub saw it 6-2.

Ricky Stackhouse, 158¾, Atlanta, Ga., won a unanimous eight-round decision over Jerome Johnson, 161, Jackson, N.J. Scores: Burns and Stewart again agreed at 5-3, while Kostrub judged it 7-1. The ref was Cappuccino.

Fred Reed Hall, 122, Brooklyn, took a majority six-round decision over switch-hitting (and comebacking) Tommy Barnes, 123, Philadelphia, Pa. Scores: Kostrub and Burns at 4-2; Stewart had it 3-3. Cappuccino, referee.

John David Jackson, 156½, Bridgeport, Pa., scored a fourth round knockout over Gary Tibbs, 158¼, Hyattsville, Md. The southpaw, a former Canadian, ended the evening for the much taller Tibbs at the 0:45 mark.

There were actually no knockdowns, but referee Rudy Battle felt that Tibbs was so out of it (literally trapped on the ropes) that he had no chance.

Nick Rapino, 144¾, Reading, Pa. won by kayo at 0:32 of the first in a scheduled four, over James Kier, 140¼, Staunton, Va. Kier was dropped but arose only to lose his balance and with that, ref Battle called it off before completing the 10-count.

In the walk-out bout, a father put his debuting son in with a 3-0 pro and the son paid the price. Southpaw Gus Lopez, 135, Lancaster, Pa., TKO'd "Jazzy" Jazz Jarrett, 133¼, Philadelphia, at 1:23 of the third in a scheduled four. Jarrett, himself a leftie, just didn't have enough ring experience to keep his aggressive foe at bay. There were no knockdowns. Battle, referee.

Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.

Promoter—Phil Alessi and Joe Hand/USA Cable TV.

(03-20-85)

JACK OBERMAYER

NEW YORK

►**TROY—Houston Field House**—Jeff Bumpus TKO'd Danny Ferris, who was unable to answer the bell for round five, junior welters. This was the first loss for Ferris, junior welters.

Frank Sheehan, Albany, won a unanimous decision over Tom Cole, Maine.

Gus Guzman, Paterson, New Jersey, TKO'd Jim Giam Buluca, Buffalo, in the fifth round.

Trevor Evelyn, Latham, climbed off the deck to win a split decision over Frank Mackey, Troy.

Wilbert (Vampire) Johnson, Indianapolis, TKO'd Frank (Gator) Lux, Rapid City, South Dakota, at 2:40 of the fourth. Johnson came in more than 10 pounds over his normal fighting weight.

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decision over Garland Wright, Scranton, Pa., eight.

Mike Tyson made his pro debut by stopping Hector Mercedes at 1:47 of the first round in a scheduled four. Referee Luis Rivera stopped the contest with Mercedes down on one knee. Tyson is handled by Cus D'Amato.

Pedro Alandato, Catskill, won a unanimous decision over Troy Townsend, Chicago, eight.

Eddie (Oak Tree) Edwards won a unanimous verdict over Jim Ryrell, Glens Falls, eight.

Stephen Frost, Albany, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Sheldon Frances, Brooklyn, four.

Matt Farago won a close decision over Billy Joe, Albany. Farago is still undefeated.
(03-06-85)

►**RIDGEWOOD, QUEENS—Ridgewood Grove Arena**—Former world middleweight champion Vito Antuofermo opened a nasty cut in the top corner of Mark Allman's eye in the third round and stopped him with 10 to 12 unanswered punches at 1:24 of the frame. Johnny LoBianco, referee.

Antuofermo, who weighed 155, is now 49-5-2 with 26 knockouts. Allman, who came in at 152, is 11-4 with eight kayoes.

Gino Gelormino, 129½, Levittown, New York, won a unanimous decision over Tomas Diaz, 130, Dominican Republic, 10. Gelormino is now 19-1 with 14 kayoes.

Tyrone Jackson, 130, New York, TKO'd Felix Thereaux, also 130, Cuba, at 1:00 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Nick Green, referee. Thereaux was down five times—once in the first, twice in the second, and twice in the third.

Vinny Dell, 234, Harrison, New Jersey, and Lester Jackson, 245, Queens, drew, four. Jackson looked to have the edge.

Floyd (The Mangler) Peavy, 148, Rochester, New York, TKO'd Robert Dormevil, 147, at 2:09 of the first round in their scheduled four. Stopped for no good reason.

Mike Tricoricco, 146, Brooklyn, TKO'd Victor Adnmatah, 143, Guyana, in another scheduled four. Adnmatah, who had been on the deck, did not answer the bell for the second round.

Lamont Brinckle, 128, New Rochelle, New York, won a close decision over Carlos Ruiz, also 128, New York, four.

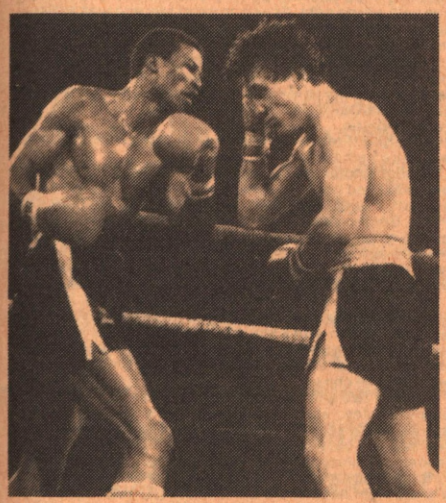
Raymond Reyes, 127, Queens, outpointed Darnell Greene, 130, Rahway, New Jersey, four.

Carl Wilson, 154, Queens, halted Francis Palmer, 151, Philadelphia, at 2:15 of the first round in still another scheduled four.

Promoter—Richard Nappi.

Matchmaker—Gene Moore.
(03-08-85)

CHARLES D. BROWN



Middleweight contenders Don Lee (left) and Doug DeWitt mix it up during their thrilling 10-round draw. Photo by Charles Badal

►**WHITE PLAINS—County Center**—Doug (The Cobra) DeWitt, 161, Yonkers, New York, trailing on all three scorecards at the end of seven, staged a spectacular rally in the final three rounds to gain a unanimous draw against Don Lee, also 161, Gary, Indiana, 10.

Lee, inactive since his sensational stoppage of Britain's Tony Sibson on January 15, 1984, capitalized on his five-inch height and reach advantage by boxing and counterpunching beautifully in the early going. His southpaw style had DeWitt confused and reeling, and only Doug's reputed granite jaw saved him from an early exit.

Spurred on by the wildly partisan crowd, whose chants of "Dougie . . . Dougie" threatened to blow the roof off the enclosure, DeWitt rallied strongly, with viscious body shots and combos that nearly closed Lee's right eye by the end of the ninth.

By the 10th frame, DeWitt had his second wind—and command of the fight. Last minute toe-to-toe exchanges by both fighters had the crowd on its feet. Judges George DeGabriel, Pat Dolan, and Mike Dowd all scored the bout a 5-5 draw.

The contest featured the use of thumbless gloves, which both Lee and DeWitt claimed had blunted their punching power. Joe Cortez refereed.

Troy Darrell, 154, New Rochelle, stopped Ignacio Carmona, 158, Newark, after eight rounds of a scheduled 10. Fred Ucci, referee. Darrell is now 16-0 with 15 kayoes.

Luis Hernandez, 132, Yonkers, won a unanimous decision over debuting Osvaldo Diaz, 134, Bronx, four. Sammy Viruet, referee.

Mack Brown, 147, Freeport, TKO'd Terry Young, 148, Brooklyn, at 1:14 of the second in a slated four. Sid Rubenstein, referee.

Ken Simmons, 176½, New York, knocked out Dennis Burgess, 178, Bronx, in 1:47 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Richard Burton, 158, Bronx, stopped Fred Guzman, 145, Boston, at 1:31 of the first round in a scheduled six. Sid Rubenstein, referee.

Mike Williams, 208, Houston, climbed off the canvas in the first round to win a unanimous decision over Hanif Islam, 195, Paterson, N.J., four. All three judges had it 3-1 for Williams.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Ringside Physicians—Bill Latham, Al Bonsignore.

Ring Announcer—Michael Buffer.

Attendance—2,000 (estimated).
(03-08-85)

BILL CARLINO

►**NEW YORK CITY—Madison Square Garden**—Muhammad Ali and New York State Commission Chairman Jose Torres were honored at the 59th Annual New York Golden Gloves Championship Finals.

The crowd gave Ali a long standing ovation, and Joe Frazier paid his respects to the man that boxing fans still call "The Greatest."

Torres, the former world light heavyweight champion, received the New York *Daily News* Front Page Award.

Results of the bouts were as follows:

Open

SUPER HVT—Winston Bent, 24, Bed-Stuy BA, outpointed Sinclair Babb, 24, NYC Recreation.

HVT—Michael Bent, 19, Bed-Stuy BA, decisioned Alex Stewart, 20, Uptown Gym.

178—Richard Brownrigg, 22, Long Beach BC, outscored Lawrence Cureton, 25, unattached, Jersey City.

165—Richard Wombley, 24, Suffolk PAL, outpointed Moses Lewis, 23, Washington Ave. BC.

156—Damien Eddie, 17, Big Wheel BC, outscored Joseph Henry, 22, Bronxchester BC.

147—Bradley Austin, 24, Jerome BC, outpointed Aaron Davis, 17, Gleason's Gym.

139—Ronald McCall, 18, Bed-Stuy BA, decisioned Robert Camacho, 23, Bed-Stuy BA. Camacho took a standing eight-count in the third.

132—Owen McGeachy, 20, Bed-Stuy BA, outpointed Tunde Foster, 19, Bed-Stuy BA.

125—Tracy Harris, 19, Huguenot BC, won an unpopular decision over Angel Ojeda, 22, Bed-Stuy BA.

119—Ralph Mann, 20, Bayshore AC, outscored Marcus Hanlon, 22, Beacon Recreation, Stormville, New York.

112—Ralph Rosario, 18, NYC 23rd/25th Pct., climbed off the canvas in the first to outpoint Melvin Gomez, 18, Coney Island BC. Questionable decision.

106—David Villar, 17, Yonkers PAL, narrowly decisioned Ramon Zayas, 20, Times Square AC.

Novice

SUPER HVT—Louis Savarese, 19, Gage Recreation, Greenwood Lake, New York, TKO'd Jonathan Hill, 23, Gleason's Gym, at 1:52 of the second. Hill was given standing counts in rounds one and two. Savarese is Charles Caserta's 40th Golden Gloves champion.

HVT—Seamus McDonagh, 22, B & B Boxing Club, kayoed Ike Padilla, 16, Yonkers PAL, with a left hook in 0:38 of the first. McDonagh is a son of County Mayo, Ireland.

178—Riddick Bowe, 17, Bed-Stuy Ba, knocked out Alfred Walcott, 25, Bed-Stuy BA, in 0:24 of the first. Walcott was out for a full minute.

165—Richard Frazier, 25, Knights CC, outpointed Keith Providence, 21, Gleason's Gym. Providence was down in round three.

156—Reynaldo Rivera, 19, Jerome BC, outscored Michael Domenech, 20, Starrett City BC. Rivera, who had only been boxing for four months, showed ability and class.

147—Jorge Paneto, 19, Victory Garden BC, outpointed Warren Wells, 23, 23rd Pct. PAL.

139—Ray Velez, 20, Manhattan Boys' Club, outscored Maurice Donovan, 20, Knights CC. Both were given standing eight-counts in round three.

132—Federico Triunfel, 16, Bed-Stuy BA, decisioned Heriberto Quintero, 18, Ringside BC. Quintero took a standing eight-count in round three.

125—Robert Hogan, 25, NYC Recreation, outscored David Soto, 20, West Side AC.

119—Kevin Kelley, 17, 110th Pct. PAL, outpointed Kelvin Malave, 25, Ringside BC. Kelley is a southpaw.

112—Michael Weinman, 17, 110th Pct. PAL, outscored Joseph Cinton, 22, Duncan Center PAL. Cintron, who suffered a questionable knockdown in the first round, lost a point for holding Weinman's neck down in the second and another point for holding and hitting in the third.

106—David Vasquez, Washington Ave. BC, outpointed Angel Toro, 20, Ringside BC. Toro punched himself out in round one.
(03-15-85)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

PENNSYLVANIA

►**PHILADELPHIA—Golden Eagle**—Boxing returned to this once thriving little club, after nearly a year's absence, with Joe Hand succeeding Joe Verne at the promotional helm. ("Choo Choo" Charlie Brown, 142, Philadelphia, was robbed in being held to a majority draw by Jorge Nina, 138½, Paterson, eight. The bout was a dreadful bore, with Brown at least trying, while spoiler Nina was strictly in there not to get hurt. Judge Harold Lederman understood this, scoring 38-34, Brown. But Joe Sweeney and Bob LaGuardia didn't seem to know what to do, and both had it 37-37. The verdict was first announced as a win for Brown, until an obnoxious writer, preferring a bad decision to a botched rendering, corrected the "mistake." Two of Brown's cornermen snatched one of the cards and ran off, attempting to hide the evidence, but their effort was fruitless, as the draw verdict stood.

Kenny Reese, 160, Philadelphia, TKO'd a fragile Tommy Quinn, 159, Kensington (Phila.), who couldn't take it in the body and went down twice in the second and three more times by 2:56 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Monty Sherrick, 132, Kensington, outboxed southpaw Tony (Electric) Raysor, 133, Philadelphia, for a unanimous win, six.

Lefty Chris Guest, 156, Kensington, looked sharp outboxing a willing Doug Powers, 155, Philadelphia, for a unanimous decision in an entertaining four.

Miguel Montero, 155, Philadelphia, reversed a previous loss with a close, split decision over southpaw John France, 156, Kensington, four.

Kenny Dixon, 138, Philadelphia, cut up and stopped game Richie Galdo, 141,, Fishtown (Phila.), at 1:01 of the fourth and final round.

Joe Hand Promotions.

Matchmaker—Gary Hegyi.

Attendance—SRO, 900. Gross—$9,000 (est.).

Referee—Bob Polis.

Timekeeper—Tony Stenza.

Announcer—Guy DeStefano.
(02-07-85)

►**ALLENTOWN—Holiday Inn West**—Local heavyweight attraction Mike Mohn, 192, Shillington, Pa, broke into main event status with a unanimous decision over co-operative Larry Givens, 239, Cincinnati, eight. In a dull affair, Givens failed to make any use of his weight, following Mohn around cautiously, as if handcuffed. All scores 40-34. Referee, Rudy Battle.

A. D. Wiggins, 131, Allentown, started slowly and gained momentum, dropping Tim Daniels, 134, Trenton, in the sixth and last round to nail down a unanimous decision. Referee, Tony Wolfe.

Juan Ward, 148, Allentown, looked sharp outboxing Richard Graves, 146, Philadelphia, for a unanimous decision in a good six. Referee, Battle.

Steve Mistretta, 129½, Palmerton, Pa, won a unanimous decision over a running Wyatt Simkins, 135, Philadelphia, four. Wolfe refereed.

Stingray McCarthy, 173½, Easton, destroyed Robbie Robinson, 175, Bethlehem, with a right hand bomb, knocking him cold at 2:04 of the second round in a scheduled four. Referee, Battle.

Southpaw Ron Freeman, 126, St. Louis, wasn't terribly impressive stopping Asim Abdul (here posing as "Charles Robertson"), 131, Philadelphia, at 2:26 of the second round in a scheduled four. Asim was down twice in the first, and looking for a soft spot. Referee, Wolfe.

Promoter—John Florio (Four Corner Promotions).

Matchmakers—Don Elbaum, Ken Hissner.

Attendance—650. Gross—$7,500 (est.).

Judges—Carol Polis, Gus Daniels, and alternate referee.

Timekeeper—Elise Lashe.

Announcer—Joe McHugh.
(02-15-85)

J. R. JOWETT

►**SCRANTON—Catholic Youth Center**—Reggie Gross TKO'd Jimmy Clark at 1:14 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.

Gross used a stiff jab to pile up the points, and outslugged Clark when they went toe-to-toe. A series of left-right combinations and uppercuts had Clark groggy in the sixth and seventh, and the eighth round ended with him on the ropes.

Gross opened the ninth with a four-punch combo that forced Clark to grab the top rope. Referee Hank Cisco ruled it a knockdown. When the action resumed, Gross landed a right that forced Clark to lean back on the ropes. Cisco gave another eight-count, and Gross followed with a

left that sent Clark stumbling against the ropes again. Gross followed up with a flurry of punches, and Cisco stopped the bout.

Gross is now 16-3. Clark is 17-1.

James (Buddy) McGirt TKO'd Mike Blunt in the first round, junior welters. McGirt is now 16-0-1 with 15 knockouts.

Brian Muller won a unanimous decision over Ricardo Bryant, junior middles. Muller is now 16-1-1.

Hector Frazier TKO'd Rich Graves in the second, junior welters. Frazier is now 12-2. Graves is 5-5.

Ronnie Huton, New Bedford, Mass., knocked out Mike Fisher, Dayton, Ohio, in the first, light heavies. Huston is now 10-2. John McHale, referee.

Johnny Banks Walker won a unanimous decision over Ali Dahhan, four rounds, junior middles.
(03-08-85)

RHODE ISLAND

►**NEWPORT—Armory**—February's card, the second presented by James Germano's Showcase Productions, was held with a minimum of pre-fight publicity, and featured several local light heavyweights and heavyweights.

In the main event, Providence light heavyweight Dan Macaruso won an eight-round decision over Boston trialhorse Jimmy Harrison.

The six-round semifinal saw local favorite Jerry LaFlamme of Fall River win a decision over fellow heavyweight Hector Mercedes of Lowell, Mass.

Providence light heavy Gary Gibbs decisioned Doug Ware of Beverly, Mass., six.

Kevin Denson, another Providence light heavy, needed just one round to stop Alberto Aplonte of Lowell in a scheduled six.

Boston middleweight Mark Mainero stopped Bridgeport, Connecticuts's Al Ruiz in the fourth round of their scheduled six-rounder.

Judges—Al Costa, Phil Addison, Don Di Cintis.
Referees—Steve Marcello, Larry Bolvin, Harold Gomes.
Timekeeper—Thomas Grady.
Physician—Dr. Rene Barrette.
Announcer—James Germano.
Attendance—400 (estimated).
(02-20-85)

►**NEWPORT—Armory**—Fledgling promoter James Germano overcame a couple of last-minute pullouts, and ended up with a lively main event for his third monthly card of 1985. When the flu bug hit original headliner Ron Huston, Germano substituted a junior-middleweight matchup that turned out to be a real crowd-pleaser.

Hyannis, Mass. Terry Crawley, 154, appeared to be in fine condition for his unexpected time in the spotlight, and his ability to outlast John Saunders, 150, Lynn, Mass., may have been the key to his eventual victory. The unanimous decision victory raised Crawley's mark to 8-7-2, while Saunders fell to 3-4-2.

A sloppy semi-final saw Fall River's Jerry LaFlamme, 201, outmuscle Springfield's Jose Verdejo, 195, for a six-round decision. The forearm to the throat was the most effective weapon for both brawlers.

Providence light heavy Gary Gibbs, 179, started slowly but outclassed chubby Hector Mercedes, Lowell, Mass., 186, from round two on to take an easy six-round decision.

The closest prelim saw Vinnie Lucas, Washington, Mass., 160, narrowly edge stablemate Ray Rivera, Lowell, Mass., 160. Lucas won the six-rounder by being a bit more active than the stocky Rivera, but it was a slam-bang affair from start to finish.

The opening bout saw Boston's Brian Porreca, 153, dominate and finally stop Lowell's Jose Ruiz, 152, at 2:45 of the fourth and final round.

Judges—Al costa, Phil Addison, Don DiCintos.
Referees—Main event: Harold (Chubby) Gomes, Gibbs-Mercedes and LaFlamme-Verdejo: Larry Bolvin, Lucas-Rivera and Porreca-Ruiz: Steve Marcello.
Timekeeper—Thomas Grady.
Physician—Dr. Rene Barrette.
Announcer—James Germano.
Attendance—394 paid $15 each. Gross—$5,910.
(03-20-85)

JAY N. MILLER

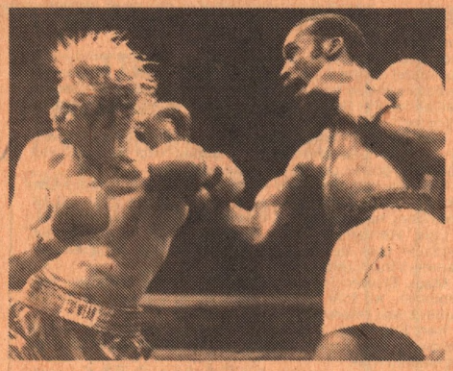
TEXAS

►**DALLAS—Convention Center**—It was billed as the "Night of the Olympic Heavyweights." But the challenges put before 1984 gold medalist Henry Tillman and silver medalist Willie deWhit were anything but Olympic.

The only similarity between Tillman and Fort Worth's Micky Pryor was their weight, 207½. Beyond mere poundage, Tillman made clear the distinction.

Early in round one, Tillman caught Pryor off balance with a flurry, and Pryor dropped to his hands and knees. Confident and surgical, Tillman continued to cut up the lunging and winded Pryor for three more rounds. Before the bell sounded for the beginning of the fourth and final round, judge Ronnie Walkers summed up Tillman's effect on Pryor, "Look at him, he doesn't even know what county he's in."

Six bus loads of folks from Burnet, Texas, came to watch their Olympian, deWhit, 212, battle. But if any of



Photographer Don Jones catches a dramatic moment in the Tony Benson (right)-Ron Johnson six-rounder, won by Benson via unanimous decision.

them blinked, they probably missed the fight. Tony Pulu, 215, walked with a look of disinterest to center ring, threw a few warm-up punches, took an uppercut on the chin, and was counted out at 2:48 in round one.

It was also a short night for Texas welterweight champion Dennis Benjamin, 147. With a strong on-the-button left roundhouse, Benjamin sent Ray Jones, also 147, through the ropes and onto the press tables, where he was counted out at 1:44 of round one.

Ben Williams, 153, spent his gas wisely in the first three rounds and won a majority decision over Barry Boatwright, 155, four.

Throwing many left hooks and uppercuts, Glenn Lunceford, 157, battered his way to a six-round majority decision over David Bates, 155½.

With eight pro fights to his credit, Sammy Johnson, 134, had no problem earning a unanimous decision over debuting and gutsy Hector Guevara, 135.

James Martinez, 140, was awarded the fight over Ford Jennings, 138, on a technical decision. Jennings was charged with an unintentional butt.

After six rounds, Reggie Johnson, 155½, received a unanimous verdict over Stephen Lee, 160¼.

Tonn Productions Inc.
Matchmaker—Wayne Harrison
Judges and Referees—Ronnie Walkers, Dick Cole, Steve Crosson, Spider Bynum
Ring Physicians—William Gardner and James E. Marr.
Timekeeper—A.C. Poe and Sandy Poe.
Ring Announcer—James Jennings.
Attendance—2,000. Gross—$35,000.
(03-05-85)

►**FORT WORTH—Gorman's Super Pro's Gym**—It was a fine night of good old hometown boxing. Even the rain did not completely wash out attendance for the new twice-monthly "Tuesday Night Fights." There were no "stars" in the ring, but a few prospects that one day may shine.

One good looking prospect was Dion Delao, 150. It is hard to believe this Odessa fighter stepped through the ropes with a record of 0-2. But he was determined not to strike out against debuting Richard Castillo, 152½. Delao drove his point home in round one with a hard straight right that sent Castillo to the mat, and put a period on the matter with a K.O. at 2:26 in the third round.

Also debuting was Khaled Shehadeh, 166. But Shehadeh is no stranger in the ring: amateur record 120-1 with 80 kayoes. Adrian Lee's head was an easy target for Shehadeh's round house left and rights, as Lee, 169½, realized while on the canvas in round two. Lee had a few moments of looking like a professional, but it was not enough for the judges. The four-rounder was unanimously given to Shehadeh.

For three rounds, Carlos Perez, 146¾, fought in text-book form: crisp fast jabs, smooth combinations, and quick counter punching. Perez could dish it out, but he could not take it as a less stylish Tim Bryan, 148½, could. Bryan used his effective left hook to pound the fight out of Perez. In the third round, Bryan threw an overhand right that resembled a pitcher throwing a fast ball, and Perez was TKO'd at 2:17.

Dwayne Prim, 140½, quickly showed Frank Govea, 137, why WBA and IBF welterweight king Donald Curry and WBA junior welterweight champion Gene Hatcher use him as a sparring partner. The wide standing Prim, needed less than one round, 2:39, to maul and beat Govea senseless. The only unfortunate part of the fight—aside from Govea being totally outclassed—was not seeing Prim fight more. With a record of 16-6, Prim is heading for more than sparring with champions.

The ending of the main event was a unanimous decision—but a close one. Hometown Tony Benson, 146, barely held on to finish a six-rounder with Ron Johnson, 143. Johnson went down in the fourth, but stayed in Benson's face most of the fight. Benson used the ring to laterally move and keep the Oklahoman at bay. And, because Benson chose to safely box rather than brawl, and sufficiently placed his right hooks in Benson's face, he got the decision.

Referees and judges—Ronnie Walkers, Dick Cole, Spider Bynum, Steve Crosson.
Timekeepers—R.C. Ballew, R.H. Ballew.
Ringside Physicians—James Marr and William Gardner.
Ring Announcer—Shelly Mann.
Promoter—Ten-Count Production.
Attendance—200
Gross—$1,547
(03-19-85)

WAYNE M. ANDERSON

VIRGINIA

►**NORFOLK—The Scope**—Pernell (Sweet Pea) Whitaker returned home with a few of his fellow United States' 1984 golden boys including lightweight Meldrick Taylor and light heavyweight Evander Holyfield. All fought in scheduled six rounders.

Philadelphia's Meldrick Taylor was the first of the three medalists to perform: he finished off unknown Darrell Curtis of Chicago at 2:09 of the third frame. In raising his record to 3-0 (including two knockouts), the 134¾-pound Taylor exhibited dazzling hand speed, a terrific body attack, and a relatively tight defense. Curtis, now 4-4, neglected to exploit a sizeable height and reach advantage and appeared intimidated from the outset.

Through the first two rounds, cornermen Lou Duva and Willie Reddish implored Meldrick to work inside—which he did, going almost exclusively downstairs (a number of punches were *very* low). Early in the third, a right to the body doubled Curtis over, and referee Al Rothenberg administered a standing eight-count. Poor Darrell was then backed into his own corner where Taylor proceeded to rake him, a big right to the chin finally putting Curtis down. The 138-pounder managed to beat the count on wobbily legs, but Rothenberg deemed Curtis unfit to continue after the mandatory eight count.

Evander Holyfield, 177¼, won his third fight and registered his first knockout by flooring and subsequently finishing a shopworn Fred Brown, 169, in just one minute and fifty-six seconds. Brown, a Norfolk resident, had no business being in the same arena with the light heavyweight bronze medalist. Holyfield, fighting out of Atlanta, showed why about 30 seconds into the fight by catching Fred backing up in a straight line and flooring him with a long right. Brown arose at five and was battered around the ring—a final hook-right-hook combo forcing referee Ernie Green to end matters.

Under the tutelage of Lou Duva and George Benton, Holyfield should quickly ascend the thin light heavyweight ranks, especially in the wake of recent losses suffered by contenders David Sears, Willie Edwards, Tim Broady, and Pete McIntyre.

Hopefully, Fred Brown, he of an inglorious 26-31-1 slate, will retire from boxing. He looked shot.

Though impressed by Taylor and Holyfield, the crowd of over 8000 had come to watch their hero, Pernell Whitaker, do battle with someone named Michael Golden, 138, Philly. Golden came into the bout at 6-5 (one kayo), his last outing an eight round decision loss to Vinnie Pazienza 11 months ago. On the other hand, Pernell was coming off two impressive knockouts in his only professional outings—the last in January over talented Danny Avery.

Although the bout lasted into the fourth round, it wasn't very competitive. The 136½-pound Whitaker, a southpaw, dropped Golden with a straight left to the chops in the first (a round lasting about 3:30). Mike wasn't in terrible trouble, though it was evident Whitaker could finish his work whenever he chose.

Rounds two and three featured Whitaker befuddling his swarming foe, stinging him repeatedly and cutting him around both eyes. Perhaps the cuts resulted as much from the frequent butting as from Pernell's punches. The blows landed by Golden could be accurately tallied on one hand.

Round four spelled the end for Golden. Whitaker scored a sharp right hook to the chin, backing Golden up. Pernell then drove home a dandy straight left to the solar plexus, which crumbled Golden. Mike pulled himself up and essentially conceded to Sweet Pea's superior skill by walking towards his corner during the mandatory eight count, where his handlers were asking referee Rothenberg to stop the fight.

After a brief look at Golden, Rothenberg sensibly declared Whitaker the winner by technical knockout, the time of the ending was 2:54 of the fourth session. Bleeding from both eyes and hurting virtually everywhere, it was clear the game Golden wanted and could handle no more.

After the fight, Pernell stated, "I wanted tonight to be an event, not just a fight. Although I knew there would be a big crowd, all I could say when I left the dressing room and heard 8000 people cheering for me was, 'Wow!' It was great and I definitely want to fight in front of my hometown fans again."

For Lou Duva (who also worked Whitaker's corner with George Benton), and manager Shelley Finkel, looming in the not-too-distant future are entries into the respective Top Tens by a number of these superbly talented former

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Olympians.

There were three other entertaining bouts on the undercard:

Former amateur sensation Floyd Favors, 128, Capitol Heights, Md., debuted, winning an easy four-round nod over Richmond, Virginia's Godfried Johnson, now 3-2. Ernie Green refereed.

Wayne, New Jersey native Kevin Vieldhouse, 145¾, steamrolled Carlton Stroman, Washington, D.C., into a technical knockout at 1:38 of the second of six scheduled rounds. Vieldhouse now stands at 6-0-2 with two knockouts while Stroman evened up to 1-1. Rothenberg reffed.

Curtis Bush and Tony Rios, both welterweights from Virginia Beach, went toe-to-toe until 2:08 of the fifth round when Bush was given the TKO victory. Though the tall, lanky former kick-boxer (who bears an uncanny resemblance to Alexis Arguello) scored a couple of standing eight counts and beat Rios roundly. Ernie Green's decision to end the scheduled sixer was not well received. Bush climbed to 4-0 (four kayoes) while Rios slipped to 3-2.

Attendance—8,135 (est.).

Promoter—Main Events.

Ring Announcer—Roger Cawthon.

(03-15-85)

STEVEN WALDMAN

WASHINGTON

►**SEATTLE—Mountaineers Building**—Greg (Mutt) Haugen, 138, Auburn, Washington, TKO'd Ted Michaeliszyn, 137, Las Vegas, at 1:47 of the seventh round in a scheduled eight. Haugen is now 10-0. Michaeliszyn is 12-3-1. Jim Reilly, referee.

Dave Montague, 149, Olympia, Wash., won a unanimous decision over debuting Jack Phillips, also 149, four. Jim Reilly, referee.

Ian Mattis, 173½, Bellevue, Wash., flattened Larry Davis, 168, Las Vegas, in 2:38 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Jack Abelman, referee.

Rich Kronich, 153, Spokane, improved to 3-5 with a unanimous decision over Leon Jones, 153½, Seattle, six. Jones dropped to 2-1. Jack Abelman, referee.

Kirk Bocook, 125, Spokane, went to 2-1 with a unanimous decision over debuting Willie Davis, also 125, Seattle, four. Both men were decked in this action packed bout. Jack Abelman, referee.

Judges—John Wenezich, Loren Marshall, and the alternate ref.

Timekeeper—Jerry Vandeboe.

Ringside Physician—William J. McDougall, M.D.

Ring Announcer—Carlos DeValle.

Matchmaker Promotions.

Matchmaker—Bob Jarvis.

Attendance—400 (estimated).

(02-07-85)

►**SEATTLE—Mountaineers Building**—The scheduled eight between Greg (Mutt) Haugen, 140, Auburn, and Juan Del Toro, 138, Juarez, Mexico, was halted at the end of the first session after a clash of heads opened up a sizable gash over Del Toro's right eye. The bout was ruled "no contest." Haugen remains at 10-0. Del Toro stays at 9-4-1. Jack Abelman, referee.

Dave Montague, 149, Olympia, climbed off the canvas in rounds two and three, dropped Ron Jones, 148, Calgary, Alberta, near the end of the third round, and knocked him out with a right smash to the head in 0:26 of the fourth and final frame. Montague is now 4-1-1. Jones is 1-1. Jack Abelman, referee.

Ian Mattis, 170, Bellevue, Wash., kayoed the more experienced Delbert Williams, 167, Portland, Oregon, in 1:03 of the seventh round in their scheduled eight. Williams tried to slug it out, but Mattis, the heavier puncher, wore him down and decked him twice before the knockout. Jim Reilly, referee.

Leon Jones, 150, Seattle, moved to 3-1 with a unanimous decision over Jack Phillips, 151, Salem, Oregon, four. Phillips is now 1-2. Jack Abelman, referee.

Clayton Hannah, 125¾, Calgary, made his pro debut by winning a unanimous verdict over Bobby Newcomb, 123, Portland, Oregon, four. Newcomb, the recipient of a murderous body attack, is now 6-4. Jim Reilly, referee.

In attendance were former NBA middleweight champion Al Hostak, 22-0 lightweight contender Brett Summers, and Olympic boxer Robert Shannon. The Washington State boxing commissioner is former Michigan world light heavyweight boss Eddie Cotton.

Judges—Jimmy McGee, Glenn Hamada, and the alternate ref.

Timekeeper—Jerry Vandeboe.

Ringside Physician—Ernest Frolund, M.D.

Ring Announcer—Carlos DeValle.

Matchmaker Promotions.

Matchmaker—Bob Jarvis.

Attendance—500 (estimated).

(03-07-85)

►**SEATTLE—Thunderbird Gymnasium**—Darryl Penn, 148, Portland, Oregon, TKO'd Herb Johnson, also 148, Seattle, at 0:37 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. A gash over the right eye, the result of a left hook, forced the stoppage. Pat McMurty, referee.

Joe Newton, 190, Coos Bay, Oregon, blasted out Richard Jensen, 206, Butte, Montana, in 1:02 of the first round in a scheduled four. Pat McMurty, referee.

Tom Cody, 190, vancouver, B.C., made his pro debut with a third round TKO over John Korfiatis, 185, Vancouver, in their scheduled four. Jack Abelman, referee.

Leon Jones, 150, Seattle, won a split decision over Gary Robinson, also 150, Detroit, four. Jack Abelman, referee.

Wes Smith, 242, Houston, Texas, and Jim Ashard, 212, Springfield, Oregon, drew, four. Jack Abelman, referee.

Judges—Tom McDonough, Ron Rall, and the alternate ref.

Timekeeper—Loren Marshall.

Ringside Physican—Stan McDougall, M.D.

Ring Announcers—Joe Toro, Nick Blackburn.

Promoter—Nick Blackburn.

Matchmaker—Otis Austin.

Attendance—300.

(03-21-85)

KEN PHILLIPS

CANADA

ALBERTA

►**EDMONTON**—Ken Lakusta, 208, Edmonton, TKO'd Fred Askew, 235, Minneapolis, in the second round of the scheduled 10-round main event. Askew was decked by a left hook, rose, and went down again from a phantom punch. He said he had had enough, so referee Barney O'Connor stopped the bout. Askew's purse was held up by the Edmonton Boxing and Wrestling Commission pending a review.

Peter Cunningham, 138, Edmon, TKO'd Gregg Triplett, 136, Pasadena, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight. Cunningham was decked twice in the first round and once in the seventh before referee Dave Ward halted the bout.

Harpal Talhan, 134½, Edmonton, won a unanimous decision over Gord Hannah, 137½, Fort St. John, B.C., six. Scoring: Bill Warwick, 59-58; Dave Ward, 59-56; Barney O'Connor, 58-56. Don Smart, referee.

Judges—Warwick, Ward, O'Connor, Ken Newman, Ken Rudd, Lloyd Sutton.

Timekeeper—Gus Bell, Harold Kitchen.

Ringside Physician—G. Sollbach, M.D.

Ring Announcer—Rob Christie.

Stevenson and Verbin Productions.

Attendance—1,200.

(03-02-85)

FRANK ALLNUTT

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

►**ARUBA—Concorde Boxing Arena**—WBC cruiserweight champion Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon TKO'd Dorcy Gaymon in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-round non-title bout. Gaymon was ahead on points when the end came.

Jimmy Paul won a unanimous decision over Ildemar Paisan, Venezuela, 10.

Mauricio Bravo, Venezuela, and Ramades Garcia drew, 10. Garcia was a sub for David Braxton.

Nelson Castillo, Venezuela, and Richard Wester, Aruba, drew, six.

Leo Wester made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Javier Requema, Venezuela, four.

(01-12-85)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

►**PORT OF SPAIN—Jean Pierre Sports Complex**—Leslie Stewart, 179½, Trinidad and Tobago, TKO'd Mark Frazie, 184½, U.S., at 2:59 of the eighth round in a scheduled 12 to win the Continental Americas cruiserweight title. Melchoir Taylor, referee.

David Noel, 155¾, won a unanimous decision over Vinnie Mayers, 155½, U.S., 10.

Former European heavyweight champion Alfredo Evangelista, 242½, kayoed Sterling Benjamin, 221½, in 2:32 of the ninth round in their scheduled 10.

Tyrone Downes, 126¼, Barbados, TKO'd Terry Kemp, 127¼, U.S., in the fourth round of another scheduled 10.

Eric Williams, 145¼, Trinidad, TKO'd David Fowler, 154¼, U.S., in the fifth round of the scheduled six-round open.

(03-02-85)

GEORGE C. BECKLES

SOUTH AMERICA

PANAMA

►**PANAMA CITY—Neco de la Guardia Gymnasium**—Hermogenes Murillo won the Panamanian junior flyweight title with a split decision over Victor Sierra, 12. Sierra actually lost the title when he failed to make 108 at the morning weigh-in.

A right to the jaw dropped Murillo in round two. Referee Eliezer Perez took a point away from Murillo in the final round for rabbit punching.

The official scores were 115-114 and 116-115, Murillo, and 118-116, Sierra. Murillo also holds the Central American & Caribbean title. Sierra had been kayoed by WBA champion Francisco Quiroz in a title bout last year.

Pedro Avila, Jr., 139¾, halted Angel Diaz, also 139¾, at 0:36 of the seventh round in a scheduled eight. Diaz later announced his retirement from the ring.

Antonio Perez, 138, won a majority decision over Fernando Sanchez, six.

Mario Moreno, 136, kayoed Luis Vasquez, 133, in 2:51 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Hector Aranda, 126, outpointed Manuel Arrieta, 126¾, four.

(03-16-85)

JOAQUIN MARTINEZ-ROUSSET

ARGENTINA

►**SALTA—Club Salta**—Ruben Condori outpointed Jaime Loyola, 10, featherweights.

(02-01-85)

►**CONCORDIA—Club Ferrocarril**—Alberto Pacheco won the Argentine flyweight title with a split decision over Ramon Horacio Albers, 12. The scores were 118-114, 117-116, and 117-119.

►**MAR DEL PLATA—Centro de Educacion Fisica Numero Uno**—Welterweight Ramon Abeldano knocked out junior middle Luis Bazan in round five.

(02-08-85)

►**NECOCHEA—Club Palermo**—Argentine and South American featherweight king Fernando Sosa won a unanimous decision over Cesar Villarruel, 10.

(02-08-85)

►**TANDIL—Club Gimnasia y Esgrima**—Middleweight Miguel Maldonado won an upset verdict over Argentine and Latin American junior middleweight champion Patrizio Diaz, 10.

(02-08-85)

►**MORAN—Club Deportivo Moron**—Enrique Areco outclassed Norberto Ruiz, 10 rounds, welterweights.

(02-08-85)

►**SALTA—Club Salta**—South American welterweight champion Alfredo Lucero knocked out middleweight Luis (Chocolate) Peralta in three.

(02-08-85)

►**SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE—Estadio Pedro Estremador**—Junior welterweight sensation Hugo (Pajarito) Hernandez knocked out American Jimmy Blevins in the second with a hard left to the chin. Blevins, now 24-9-2, was out for several minutes.

(02-15-85)

►**MAR DEL PLATA—Centro de Educacion Fisica Numero Uno**—Former WBA junior bantamweight champion Gustavo Ballas won a unanimous decision over Juan Ivalo, 10. Ballas had not trained properly, and showed only flashes of his fine ability.

(02-15-84)

►**MENDOZA**—South American bantamweight champion Jose Rufino Narvaez outscored Luis Gerez, 10.

(02-15-84)

►**RIO CUARTO—Anfiteatro del Parque Sarmiento**—Victor Robledo retained his Argentine light heavy title with a split draw against Juan Carlos Fernandez. The scores were 119-119, 118-118, and 118-117, Fernandez.

(02-15-85)

►**MAR DEL PLATA—Centro de Educacion Fisica Numero Uno**—Juan Martin (Latigo) Coggi outscored Miguel Angel Pereyra, 10, junior welters. Coggi is now 22-0 with 11 knockouts.

(02-22-85)

►**SALTA—Club Salta**—Localite Antonio Hugo Vicente

and former world challenger Lorenzo Garcia drew, 10, junior welterweights. The scores were 100-100, 100-100, and 99-98, Garcia.
(02-22-85)

►**MAR DEL PLATA—Centro de Educacion Fisica Numero Uno**—Ramon Soria easily outscored Eduardo (Locomotora) Chavez, 10, feathers.
(03-01-85)

►**SALTA—Club Salta**—Fidel Rivera and Raul Gomez drew, 10, featherweights.
(03-01-85)

►**MAR DEL PLATA—Centro de Educacion Fisica Numero Uno**—Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Ramon (Moncho) Dominguez halted Cesar Villarreul in round six.
(03-08-85)

►**SALTA—Club Salta**—South American flyweight champion Adrian Roman won a split decision over Ruben Condori, 10.
(03-08-85)

►**TUCUMAN**—Argentine middleweight champion Roberto Ruiz outpointed Eduardo Contreras, 10. Poor fight.
(03-08-85)

►**PARANA**—Argentine cruiserweight champion Hector Rohr stopped Roberto Cardozo in four.
(03-08-85)

►**concepcion**—Carlos Laciar and Esteban Bustos drew, 10, junior feathers.
(03-08-85)

►**TANDIL**—Miguel Maldonado stopped Rolando Aliaga in round two, middleweights.
(03-08-85)

►**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Adolfo Arce Rossi won a unanimous decision over Juan Martin (Latigo) Coggi, 10. The scores were 100-96 and 99-96 twice. Arce Rossi is now 30-6-1 with 10 kayoes. Coggi is 22-1 with 11 knockouts. Excellent fight.
(03-09-85)

►**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Gimnasio Ingeniero Huergo—Gustavo Ballas retained his Argentine junior bantamweight title with a split draw against Juan Carlos Cortes, 12.
(03-09-85)

►**NOTES**—Former Argentine welterweight champion Kid Noli died in Gobernador Galvez on March 3, 1985. Noli, real name Amelio Constantino Piceda, held the crown from February 12, 1944 to May 14, 1949, when he retired. He lost only four of 65 pro bouts.

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EUROPE

BELGIUM

►**COURCELLES**—Romain Mianzuela, Zaire-born light middleweight, won on a disqualification over Maurice Bufi in the fourth round. Mianzuela is now 22-0-2. Bufi was a late sub who had come to watch the show whilst recovering from the flu. The referee ruled that he went down without being hit, and disqualified him after first counting him out.

Hughes Bosser outscored Jimmy Gourad, six, welterweights.
(02-22-85)

DENMARK

►**COPENHAGEN**—Anders Eklund stopped defending champion Steffen Tangstad to win the European heavyweight title. The bout was halted after Tangstad was floored three times in round four. He seemed intimidated by the big Swede, and made only half hearted attempts to get into the fight.

Former world junior middlweight champion Ayub Kalule stopped Mauro Fernandez.

Gert Bo Jacobsen flattened Jose Ortiz in two, lightweights.

Mohammad Kawoya knocked out Tauno Lothander in the third, light welters.

Danish middleweight John Mortensen edged out Mark Mills, six.

Finnish light heavyweight Tarmo Uusivirta outpointed Willie Wright, eight.
(03-09-85)

FRANCE

►**DIJON**—Jean Luc Sautreau outpointed Luis Machuca, six, feathers.
(11-10-84)

►**NOUMEA**—Ameur Ben Ameur outpointed Jamel Benmeziane, eight, lightweights.
(11-10-84)

►**MARSEILLES**—Jean Pierre Iniama outscored F. Martucci, six, welterweights.

A. Kimbu M'Boma outpointed A. Belhassen, six, light welters.
(11-16-84)

►**LILLE**—Kamel Kessaci outpointed Andre Blanco, eight, lights.
(11-30-84)

►**RHEIMS**—Abdel Laachira and P. Missa drew, six, light middles.

►**SEDAN**—Jose Penamatti outpointed Alain Coguez, six, welters.
(12-01-84)

►**CALAIS**—Patrick Fetama halted B. Smiraoui on cuts in round five, light middles.
(12-01-84)

►**BOURGES**—Julien Segly outscored Yannick Blandin, eight, welterweights.

M. Ouhmad outpointed Gilles Blandin, six, light welters.
(12-07-84)

►**ROUEN**—Belaid Khaldi won on a disqualification over Gilles LeFeure in the second round, welterweights.
(12-09-84)

►**SALON DE PROVENCE**—Jean Marie Gambino halted Hadi Zitouni in the fourth round, featherweights.
(12-14-84)

►**TARBLES**—Jean Pierre Iniami kayoed Mohamed Bourahoui in the fourth round, welters.
(12-14-84)

►**BESANCON**—Jean Louis Maillot outpointed Luiz Machuca, six, featherweights.
(12-14-84)

►**ST. MALO**—Gilles Blandin outpointed C. Celestam, six, light welters.

Alphonse Matoubella outscored Abderrahim Laachira, six, welterweights.
(12-15-84)

►**VOIRON**—Rene Jacquot outscored Salvatore Pisani, six, light middles.

Fernando Blanco halted Serge Boymond in the first, light welters.
(01-05-85)

►**PARIS**—Jean-Paul Roux and Hakim Zeroual drew, six, middles.
(01-07-85)

►**ANTIBES**—Brian Anderson, Great Britain, halted former middleweight contender Gratien Tonna in the first. Tonna may now hang them up.

Tony Vivarelli outpointed Philippe Arrendel, eight, light welters.
(01-18-85)

►**POINTE-A-PITRE**—Said Skouma knocked out Yvon Segor in round seven, light middles. Skouma is now 15-2.
(01-25-85)

►**VALENCE**—Daniel Londas halted Jose Maillot in the fourth round, junior lightweights. The 30-year-old Londas is now 30-4.
(01-26-85)

►**FREJUS**—Antoine Curti outscored Karim Rabbi, 10, lightweights.
(01-26-85)

►**AIX-EN-PROVENCE**—Former French welterweight champion Brahim Messaoudi halted Majid Harid in round five. Messaoud is now 18-1-1.
(01-26-85)

►**PARIS**—Damiens Marignan outpointed Fred Voltine, 10, heavies.
(01-29-85)

►**FEURS**—Giovanni Martorina outscored veteran Joel Bonnetaz, 10, middleweights.
(02-01-85)

►**FORBACH**—Dominique Nato halted Jacob Tchantchuing in the second session, heavies.

Abdel Moumene outpointed Ahmed Laghiali, heavyweights.

Boubacar Sanogo outscored Serge Bolivard, six, heavies.
(02-01-85)

►**COMPIEGNE**—Farid Benredjeb stopped Patrick Van Gaver in the fifth round, featherweights.
(02-02-85)

►**CREIL**—Norbert Alcade halted Bruno Dari in the first round, junior lights.
(02-02-85)

►**NEMOURS**—French lightweight champion Frederic Geoffroy halted Antoine Secci in round three. Geoffroy has won 14 of his 15 bouts.
(02-08-85)

►**AJACCIO**—Marc Ruocco stopped Celestin Kanynda in the fourth round. This was Ruocco's 16th consecutive knockout.
(02-09-85)

►**MASSY**William Caribeaux outscored Patrick Garcia, six, middleweights.

Abdel Moumene outpointed Alair Barlier, six, heavies.
(02-22-85)

►**CENON**—Alain Simoes returned to the winning column by outpointing Jose Martin Garzon, eight, lightweights.
(02-22-85)

►**ST. MALO**—Yannick Blandin outscored Lexter Boucaud, eight, light welterweights.

Michel Martin and Nordine Dahmani drew, eight, light welters.

Gilles Blandin outpointed Julien Segly, six rounds, welters.

Alphonse Matoubela stopped Robert Dormoy in round five, light middles.
(02-22-85)

HOLLAND

►**AMSTERDAM**—European light heavyweight champion Alex Blanchard kayoed Jerry Reddick in the second round to win the vacant Pat O'Grady World Atheltic Association light heavyweight title.

Reddick had not fought since 1983, when he was stopped by Wayne Caplette. Blanchard is now 27-1 with 24 kayoes. He does not need to be involved in mismatches of this kind.

Wim Thijssen outscored Salvatore Pisani, six, light middles.

John Van Elteren outpointed Juergen Broszeit, six, light middles.

Jan Lefeber outscored Rudiger Bitterling, Germany, eight, middles.

Kid Taylor halted Serge Mayers in the fourth round, welters.

Anton Verrips outpointed Andre Blanco, six, welterweights.

Jan Bartes outscored Neyali Ayetekin, four, welterweights.

Ben Tiben outpointed Luc Goossens, Belgium, six, heavies.
(02-11-85)

ITALY

►**RIVA DEL GARDA**—Kamel Bou Ali beat Alfredo Layne of Panama on a disqualification in round seven.

Vinnie Pazienza halted Bruno Simili in the third round, light welters.

Gianfranco Rosi outscored Martin Rojas, 10, welterweights.

Angelo Musone outpointed George Ajjo, six, heavyweights.
(11-17-84)

►**LUCCA**—Marco Gallo retained his Italian junior lightweight crown by stopping former European champ Alfredo Raininger on cuts in round seven.

Giovanni DeMarco halted Tony Britton on cuts in the fourth round, middles.
(11-21-84)

►**MODENA**—Former European lightweight champion Lucio Cusma halted Spanish title holder Hugo Carrizo in the second.

Mauro Da Cruz, Brazil, outpointed former Italian light middleweight champion, Ernesto Ros, six.

Venezuelan light welterweight Nelson Trujillo outscored Josias Da Silva, Brazil, six.

Welterweight Paulo Pesci outpointed Giuseppe Mercuri, six.

Francesco Tritto outscored Vincente Fernandez, six, lights.
(12-07-84)

►**MONFALCONE**—Mabcka Kamunga outpointed Umberto Cavasin, six, light heavies.

Willy Mauchigna outscored Giovanni Marchesini, six, light heavyweights.
(12-07-84)

►**CASORIA**—Antonio Picardi halted Mario Bitetto in five, bantams.
(12-08-84)

►**SAVONA**—Stefano Vassalo outpointed Mbuyamba Kalombo, six. Vassalo, a heavyweight, is now 7-0.

Antonio Tassisto outscored Felix Di Ciocco, six, middles.

Luca DiLorenzi halted Serge Boymond in three, light middles.
(12-14-84)

►**SAN RUFO**—Sebastiano Sotgia retained his Italian lightweight crown by stopping Aristide Pizzo in four. The 27-year-old Sotgia is now 24-2 with one "no contest." He will challenge Rene Weller for the European crown.

Musunga stopped DiLuisa in round three, light welters.
(12-19-84)

►**LUMEZZANE**—Roberto Cirelli outscored Corrado Infani, six, flyweights.
(12-26-84)

►**CASORIA**—Vincenzo Belcastro outscored Claudio Tanda, six, featherweights.

Ferruccio Robello outpointed Charles Ssali, six, light

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Anders Eklund (Sweden)
1. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
2. Steffen Tangstad (Norway)
3. Lucien Rodriguez (France)
4. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
5. Hughroy Currie (Great Britain)
6. Angelo Rottoli (Italy)
7. Guido Trane (Italy)
8. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
9. Sylvain Watbled (France)
10. Rainer Hartmann (Germany)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Alex Blanchard (Holland)
1. Jean-Marie Emebe (France)
2. Richard Caramanolis (France)
3. Manfred Jassman (Germany)
4. Rufino Angulo (Italy)
5. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
6. Slobodan Kacar (Yugoslavia)
7. Gennaro Mauriello (Italy)
8. Ralf Rocchigiani (Germany)
9. Walter Cevoli (Italy)
10. Jose Seys (Belgium)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
2. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
3. Jimmy Price (Great Britain)
4. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
5. Giovanni DeMarco (Italy)
6. Frank Winterstein (France)
7. Stephane Ferrera (France)
8. Aldo Buzzetti (Italy)
9. Andre Mongelema (France)
10. Enrico Scacchia (Switzerland)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Georg Steinherr (Germany)
1. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
2. Louis Acaries (France)
3. Jimmy Cable (Great Britain)
4. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
5. Prince Rodney (Great Britain)
6. Germain LeMaitre (France)
7. Said Skouma (France)
8. Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
9. Emilio Sole (Spain)
10. Luigi Marini (Italy)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
1. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
2. Nino LaRocca (Italy)
3. Gianfranco Rossi (Italy)
4. Gilles Elbilia (France)
5. Ace Rusevski (Yugoslavia)
6. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
7. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
8. Jose Varela (Spain)
9. Jean-Marie Touatti (France)
10. brahim Messaoud (France)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
1. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
2. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
3. Alessandro Scapecchi (Italy)
4. Michel Giroud (Switzerland)
5. Lloyd Christie (Great Britain)
6. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
7. Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
8. Tek Nkalankete (France)
9. Giovanni Carrino (Italy)
10. Tony Vivarelli (France)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Rene Weller (Germany)
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FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
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BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
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2. Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
3. John Feeney (Great Britain)
4. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
5. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
6. John Farrell (Great Britain)
7. Peter Harris (Great Britain)
8. Davy Larmour (Great Britain)
9. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
10. Jose I. Antunez (Spain)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
1. Antoine Montero (France)
2. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
3. Hugh Russell (Great Britain)
4. Giampiero Pinna (Italy)
5. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
6. Alain Limarol (France)
7. Danny Flynn (Great Britain)
8. Umberto Morri (Italy)
9. Lorenzo Pacheco (Spain)
10. Mario Bitetto (Italy)

middles.
(12-29-84)

►**LUCCA**—Giovanni DeMarco won the Italian middleweight title when defending champion Aldo Buzzetti was forced to retire with an injury in the sixth session. DeMarco, a 24-year-old from Alvignano, has now scored 17 wins in a row. Buzzetti lost for the second time in 21 contests.

Italian junior lightweight champion Marco Gallo outscored Victor Jorge, eight.

Gaetano Ardito outpointed Mayele Mabele, six. Ardito, the former Italian middleweight champion, retired in 1982. He is back now, with a 17-0 pro record.
(01-04-85)

►**PERUGIA**—Britain's Lloyd Honeyghan won the European welter title by knocking out Gianfranco Rosi with a right cross in the third. Honeyghan is now 21-0 with 12 kayoes. Rosi lost for only the second time in 34 bouts.

Maurizio Stecca halted Jean-Paul Guillard in two, feathers.

Damiani stopped Allou Gobe in three, heavyweights.

Romulo Casamonica outpointed Felix DiCiocco, six, light middles.
(01-05-85)

►**LUCCA**—Franco Cherchi won the vacant European flyweight title by outpointing Alain Limarol, France, 12. Cherchi, who lost on a cut eye to Charlie Magri for the vacant title last year, is now 20-1.
(02-27-85)

►**SAN MARINO**—Jerome Kinney took out Nino LaRocca in the third round. LaRocca, who received a standing eight-count in round two, was being hammered when the referee stopped the bout. Kinney is now 21-3, after having lost his last two fights. LaRocca has gone from idol to has been within a few months.
(02-27-85)

SWITZERLAND

►**CHAVANNES-RENENS**—Andreas Anderegg halted Mladen Grubesits in round five. Anderegg has now won seven in a row.

Mauro Martelli halted Thierry Pierluigi in two, welters.
(01-26-85)

ERIC ARMIT

GERMANY

►**DUSSELDORF**—Charly Graf won the German heavyweight crown by stopping Reiner Hartmann in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. The bout was halted on the advice of the ringside physician, Dr. Holik, after Hartmann had sustained a cut near the left eye. The cut later required seven stitches.

Angelo Dundee, who flew in from the U.S. to work in Hartmann's corner, intends to lodge an official complaint. He thinks the bout was halted prematurely. For the record, referee Kurt Halbach had Graf in front, judge Artur Ellensohn favored Hartmann, and judge Michael Fischer had the contest even. Graf, a former prison inmate, is now 20-3. Hartmann is 17-4.

Commonwealth cruiserweight champion Chisanda Mutti outscored Lutshadi Mudimbi, Zaire, 10. Mutti is now undefeated in 31 bouts. Mudimbi suffered his second loss in 18 fights.

Harry Theodoss, Greece, and Darko Cellinger, Yugoslavia, drew, six, middles.

Thomas Classen narrowly outpointed Briton Dave Garside, six, heavyweights.

Southpaw Graciano Rocchigiani halted Britain Tony Jenkins on cuts in the fourth round, junior middles.

Andreas Prox halted Marnix Heyten, Belgium, on a cut near the left optic in the fourth round, middles.
(03-09-85)

►**BON HONNEF**—Josef Kossmann, 194, and Sigi Kohler, 179¾, drew, six. Kossman, the promoter's son-in-law, was coming off a two-year lay-off. Kohler was making his pro debut. Sigi had a successful 40-bout amateur career, but had not boxed in four years. Most of the crowd felt that Kohler had done just enough to win.

Niyasi Aytekin, 158¾, outscored debuting Wolfgang Manns, 150½, four.

Hans Gimborn, 194, and Horst Schiele, 175¼, drew, four.

Promoter—Helmut Slomke.

Attendance—300.
(03-16-85)

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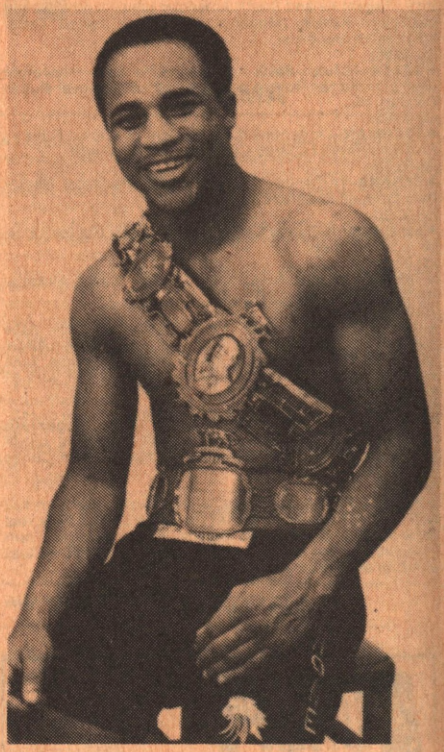

European welterweight champion Lloyd Honeyghan scored his 22nd consecutive win with a sixth-round knockout over R.W. Smith.

UNITED KINGDOM

►**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—There was a sensation at the lunch-time weigh-in when Venezuelan Hugo Rengifo was half a stone overweight. Terry Lawless, manager of European welter champion Lloyd Honeyghan, refused to allow his boxer to concede that much poundage.

This posed the threat of the show having to be cancelled, when in stepped R.W. Smith, son of manager Andy Smith, who offered to take Rengifo's place. His offer was accepted. Smith is a light middleweight, so, to protect Honeyghan's title, the match was made at 150, both men scaling inside that poundage.

Smith had been a sparmate of Honeyghan's, so knew all about his style. But knowing all about him didn't mean that he knew how to beat him, and Smith retired with an injured right hand at the end of round six in a scheduled 10.

It was Honeyghan's 22nd win in a row. He knew far too much, being able to dictate the pace, with neat jabs and hooks, which were altogether too fast for his opponent. Smith was game as they come, and did his best to match the champion, albeit without too much success.

Smith bled from the nose and had a swelling by the left eye. His best moments came in round five, when sheer determination enabled him to stand his ground and exchange punch for punch. But his success was only momentary, and Honeyghan was soon in the driver's seat again.

In round six, Smith was put under plenty of pressure, and looked weary as Honeyghan turned it on. It came as no real surprise when his retirement was announced. He had put up a courageous display, and what is more important, had saved the show. The referee was Roland Dakin.

Former British welter champ Kirkland Laing, Nottingham, 148, outpointed substitute Mosimo Maeleke, Zaire, based in Italy, 152, winning every one of the 10 rounds. Referee Roland Dakin scored it 100-95. Maeleke was outclassed.

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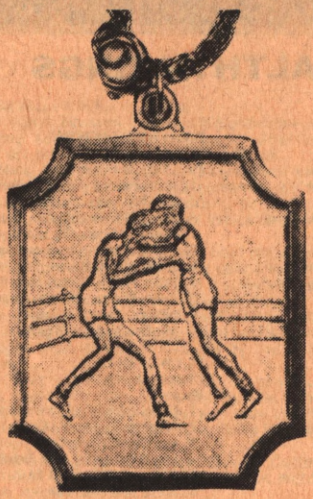

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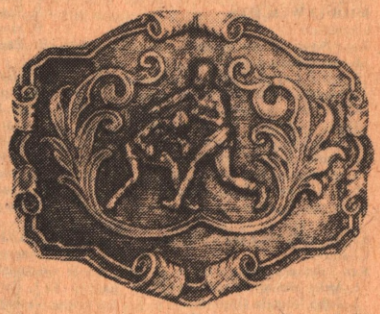

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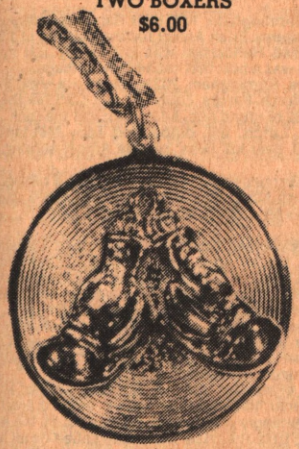

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4. Proud Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
5. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
6. Razor Ruddock (Canada)
7. Cedric Parsons (Canada)
8. Rudi Pika (Great Britain)
9. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
10. Willie de Wit (Canada)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
1. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
2. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
3. Stewart Lithgo (Great Britain)
4. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
5. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)
6. Asea Nama (Fiji)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)
2. Don LaLonde (Canada)
3. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
4. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
5. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
6. Alek Penarski (Great Britain)
7. Tom Collins (Great Britain)
8. Wally Carr (Australia)
9. Jim Gradson (Canada)
10. Eddie Melo (Canada)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
2. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
3. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
4. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
5. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
6. Alex Hilton (Canada)
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8. Emmanuel Otti (Australia)
9. Roy Gumbs (Great Britain)
10. Richie Roberts (Australia)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ken Salisbury (Australia)
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. John Mugabi (Uganda)
3. Jimmy Cable (Great Britain)
4. John Mundunga (Uganda)
5. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
6. Prince Rodney (Great Britain)
7. Chris Pvatt (Great Britain)
8. Brian Anderson (Great Britain)
9. Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
10. Cliff Gilpin (Great Britain)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
1. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
2. David Hilton (Canada)
3. Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
4. Russell Sands (Australia)
5. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
6. Kostas Petrou (Great Britain)
7. Fighting Romanus (Nigeria)
8. Frank Ropis (Australia)
9. Rocky Kelly (Great Britain)
10. Donny Poole (Canada)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Billy Famous (Nigeria)
1. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
2. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
3. Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
4. Pat Leglise (Australia)
5. Mario Cusson (Canada)
6. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
7. Tony Willis (Great Britain)
8. Lloyd Christie (Great Britain)
9. Tony Laing (Great Britain)
10. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Graeme Brooks (Australia)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Great Britain)
2. Terrence Alli (Guyana)
3. Barry Michael (Australia)
4. Nick Furlano (Canada)
5. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
6. Ian McLeod (Great Britain)
7. Ray Cattouse (Great Britain)
8. Sam Ago Kotey (Ghana)
9. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
10. Paul Chance (Great Britain)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Lester Ellis (Australia)
1. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
2. John Sichula (Zambia)
3. Safiu Okeibadan (Nigeria)
4. John Muwunga (Tanzania)
5. Hans Sankisa (Zambia)
6. Sam Akromah (Ghana)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
1. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
2. Johnny Rubin (Uganda)
3. Clyde Ruan (Great Britain)
4. Steve Sims (Great Britain)
5. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
6. Tony Pep (Canada)
7. Pat Doherty (Great Britain)
8. Charles Mandaya (Zimbabwe)
9. Jim McDonnell (Great Britain)
10. Obelle Anazor (Nigeria)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. John Feeney (Great Britain)
2. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
3. Rancis Musankabala (Zambia)
4. Sandy Odanga (Uganda)
5. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
6. John Farrell (Great Britain)
7. Peter Harris (Great Britain)
8. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
9. Hector Clottey (Ghana)
10. Modest Napuyi (Kenya)

FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
2. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Ian Clyde (Canada)
4. Hugh Russell (Great Britain)
5. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
6. Steve Bell (Australia)
7. Gabriel Kuphey (Ghana)
8. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
9. Danny Flynn (Great Britain)
10. Charlie Brown (Great Britain)

Chris Pyatt, Leicester, 155, made it 13 in a row by stopping Frenchman Helier Custos, 152½, referee Mike Jacobs intervening at 2:52 of round five in a scheduled eight. Helier had been down in round four, but he recovered well and protested strongly at the stoppage.

Billy Hardy, Sunderland, 116½, impressed in outpointing Ivor Jones, Holloway, 117½, referee Nick White scoring it 79-77½ after eight. The fans loved this one, which was full of action. Hardy had to box well to keep the aggressive Jones, and the margin seemed closer than the scoreline indicates.

John Ridgman, Borehamwood, 151¼, beat Steve Watt, Hayes, 148, referee Mike Jacob intervening at 0:68 of round three in a scheduled eight with Watt cut on the left eyelid. The cut first appeared in round two. Referee Jacobs took time off to examine the injury, but allowed the fight to continue for another round, when the injury worsened.

Floored in the opening round of a scheduled six, debutant Tony Wilson, Wolverhampton, 172½, came back to stop Blaine Longsden, 175½, a substitute who scaled nearly 12 pounds heavier than in his last fight, 11 days previously. Longsden was down twice in round four before referee White intervened at 1:41 of the session.
(02-12-85)

►**LONDON—The Studio, Streatham**—Sammy Reeson, Battersea, 174½, won the vacant southern Area light heavyweight title by beating Trevor Cattouse, Croydon, 175, referee Larry O'Connell stopping the fight just as the bell rang for the end of round six. Cattouse had just been down without a count, and was cut by both eyes. He was also down in the opening round.

Southpaw Reeson jabbed his way to victory, and punched too hard and too often for his game opponent. It was Sammy's 13th successive win.

Geoff Rymer, Hull, 180, beat Alan Ash, Carshalton, 178, who was disqualified by referee O'Connell at 1:16 of round six after a kidney punch had put Rymer on the canvas. Little in it at that stage, and a return is probable.

Derek Williams, Peckham, 216½, stopped Mike Creasy, Blackpool, 206, referee Jack Snipe intervening at 0:38 of round three in a scheduled six twos. Creasy was down in round two from a right hand.

Inactive for 16 months, Keith Bristol, Balham, 187, beat Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 184, who retired at the end of round five, well behind on points.

Karl Barwise, Tooting, kayoed debutant Paul Allen, 153, Hastings, in 1:58 of round two after decking him for eight.

Another debutant, Alphonso Haines, Uxbridge, 149, fared much better, outpointing Chas Dackombe, Streatham, 148½, over six twos, referee Snipe scoring it 59½-58. Dackombe was cut by the left eye.

A.M. Milton, Streatham, 137¼, beat debutant John Wilder, Hastings, 134, who retired at the end of round three of a scheduled six twos. Wilder had been down for eight.
(01-24-85)

►**LIVERPOOL—Everton Park Sports Centre**—Noel Quarless, Liverpool, 216, stopped Denroy Bryan, Swindon, 205, referee Brian Hogg interveing at 1:12 of the opening round after Bryan had been down twice.

Steve Benny, Liverpool, 126, drew with Martin Power, Manchester, 124, six. Ricky Nicholson, referee.

Gerard Treble, Runcorn, 152, outpointed Bobby Welburn, Hull, 152, over six, referee Nicholson casting it 59½-58½.

Jaswant Singh Ark, Derby, 142, gained a six-rounds points victory over Chris McCreedy, Liverpool, 142, referee Hogg scoring 59½-58.

Sugar Gibiliru, Liverpool, 128, outpointed debutant Des Gargano, Manchester, 125, over four by 39½-39 on referee Nicholson's card.
(01-25-85)

►**MANCHESTER—Belle Vue**—Ian McLeod, Edinburgh, 134¾, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Najib Daho, Manchester, over 10 rounds, referee Mike Jacobs scoring it a narrow 98-97½. This was an eliminator for the vacant British lightweight title, and McLeod will now meet the winner of the other eliminator between Paul Chance and Tony Willis.

Daho started in promising fashion, but in round five he was shaken by a right to the head. McLeod followed up, chasing his opponent around the ring, and landing a fusilade of punches. But Daho stayed on his feet and made it to the end of the round.

From then on, it was an uphill battle for Daho, but he gradually got back into the fight, although warned for misuse of the head. It had been a contest of two halves, Daho first, then McLeod, and many thought Daho deserved the verdict.

Tom Collins, former British light heavyweight champion, beat All-Ireland title holder Jonjo Greene, referee Ron Hackett intervening at 1:23 of round seven in a scheduled ten, when Greene was cut by the left eye, the injury needing five stitches.

A hard punching affair, both men having their moments. It looked as if the cut had been inadvertently caused by Collins' head, but the referee ruled it accidental. The clash also resulted in a sizeable lump on Collins' forehead.

Tommy Campbell, Blantyre, 153, made it 10 in a row by outpointing Shamus Casey, Alfreton, 148, not losing a round on referee Alan Richardson's scorecard of 80-76 over eight.

Alistair Laurie, Glasgow, 145, beat Bobby Rimmer, Manchester, 149, who retired at the end of round five in a scheduled six with an injured arm. He also had a swelling by the left eye.
(01-24-85)

►**STOKE—North Staffs Sporting Club**—Lennie Gloster, Peterborough, 145, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Granville Allen, Wednesbury, 145, over eight twos, referee John Coyle scoring it a narrow 78½-78.

John Hargin, Corby, 162, outpointed Dave Foley, Doncaster, 162, over six twos.

Dean Dickenson, Sheffield, 128, gained a narrow 39½-39 four-round points win over fellow debutant Chris Pegg, Nottingham, 128.

Seb Solemon, Wolverhampton, 146, beat James Brown, Kettering, 147, who retired at the end of round two in a scheduled four with a nose injury. Solemon was well on top. Referee Coyle officiated throughout.
(01-23-85)

►**SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club**—Tony Willis, Birmingham, 140, kayoed Vernon Vanriel, Tottenham, 141¾, at 1:33 of round four in a scheduled eight. Vanriel just failed to beat the count of referee Frank Parkes, and it was the first time he had been knocked out in his nine-year career. He was also down in round two from a left to the head. It was Willis's 17th victory in 18 bouts.

Michael Harris, Welsh light welter champion, 146½, did well to outpoint Welsh light middleweight title holder Rafaele Feliciello, 146, over eight, referee Parkes scoring it 79-77½.

Peter Foster, Birmingham, 154, beat Randy Henderson, Oeckham, 153, referee Brian Arnott halting matters at 1:25 of round two when Henderson was cut by the left eye. Randy claimed it was a butt that caused the damage.

Alfonso Forbes, Birmingham, 203½, made it a short but sweet debut, referee Parkes counting out Carl Gaffney, Leeds, 222, at 1:32 of round one. A left hook did the trick.

Alan Baptiste, Luton, 162, outpointed Tony Meszaros, Birmingham, 163, over six twos, referee Arnott scoring it 59½-58½.

Vince Bailey, Birmingham, 143½, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Albert Buchanan, Dundee, 143¾, over six twos. A narrow 59½-59 on referee Arnott's card.
(01-23-85)

►**GLASGOW—Whitbread Sporting Club**—Lloyd Christie, Wolverhampton, 148, stopped John McAllister, Greenock, also 148, referee Billy Rafferty intervening at 2:21 of round two in a scheduled eight. Christie was well on top when the stoppage came with McAllister cut by the left eye.

Jim Kelly, Wishaw, 146½, confirmed a previous victory by stopping Dave Douglas, Larkhall, 147, referee Len Mullen halting matters at 1:50 of round nine in a scheduled 10 with Douglas under pressure.

This was an eliminator for the Scottish welter title between two former holders of that crown, and a dramatic win for Kelly. Seemingly well behind, he was cut by the left eye and bleeding from the nose. Kelly then called on all his reserves to launch a two-handed attack that soon had his opponent in difficulties. A remarkable display of guts and determination.

Bobby McDermott, Glasgow, 117, stopped debutant Joe Kelly, 116, at 0:26 of round three in a scheduled eight twos, referee Brian Donald intervening with Kelly under pressure. He had been down in round two.

Glen Tweedie, Loamhead, 138, didn't lose a round in outscoring Paul Keers, Hartlepool, 140½, over six twos, referee Donald's card showing 60-58. Keers was cut by the left eye.
(01-28-85)

►**SOUTHWARK—Elephant & Castle Leisure Centre**—Frankie Moro, Ghana, 150, outpointed Sid Smith, Forest Hill, 148¾, over eight by 79-78 on the scorecard of referee Roy Francis. Some thought Smith deserved to win, if only because of Moro's tendency to hit with the inside of the glove, but the latter threw a lot of scoring left hands.

Harry Cowap, Balham, 175¼, took away Stuart Robinson's unbeaten record, outpointing him over eight rounds. Referee Paddy Sower scored it 79-78. Cowap bled from the nose and had a swelling under the left eye. In the final round, Robinson's nose bled, and some thought the Birmingham lad, 176¼, got closer than the scoreline suggests.

Dave Smith, Smithfield, 137, outpointed debutant Dave Henderson, Peckham, 135¾, over six twos, referee Sower casting it 59-58. A good scrap to watch.

After nearly two years' inactivity, Terry Smith, Covent Garden, 136, easily outpointed Willie Wilson, Nottingham, over six, referee Francis scoring 60-58, which indicated that Smith hadn't lost a round.

Mike Durvan, Penge, 138, kayoed Paul McKenzie, Peckham, 137½, at 1:52 in round three of a scheduled six twos. McKenzie was also down in round two.

Spencer Cummings, Balham, 154¼, outpointed substitute Dalton Jordan, Leicester, 158, over six twos, referee Francis scoring 59½-58½.

During the evening, the sum of 1,100 was collected for George Feeney, British lightweight champion, who has been forced to retire from the ring because of a detached retina.

(01-28-85)

►**WOLVERHAMPTON—Civic Hall**—Mickey Baker, Worcester, 135, kept his Midlands Area lightweight title by outpointing Steve Topliss, Derby, 131, over 10, referee Paul Thomas calling it a narrow 98-97½. The verdict did not meet with general approval.

Willie Wright, Birmingham, 158½, won the vacant Midlands Area middleweight title by stopping Johnny Elliott, Telford, 160, referee Thomas calling a halt as the bell ended round eight of a scheduled 10. Elliott had been down twice.

Rocky Lawlor, Wolverhampton, 120¼, outpointed Kevin Downer, Shoreditch, also 120¼, referee Jim Pridding casting it 79-78 after eight twos. The fans enjoyed this one.

Shane Sylvester, West Bromwich, 120, gained a points win over Brett Styles, Newport, also 120, referee Pridding scoring it a narrow 59½-59 after six twos.

Mark Sperring, Birmingham, 148, drew with Steve Tempre, Leicester, over six twos. An exciting contest. Jim Pridding, referee.

Ray Smith, Nottingham, 182, stopped David Furneaux, Plymouth, 181½, referee Pridding intervening at 1:08 of round three in a scheduled six twos after Furneaux had been down twice.

(01-28-85)

►**STOKE—European Sporting Club**—Les Walsh, Manchester, 126, didn't lose a round in outpointing Welshman Roy Williams, also 126, referee Geoff Clarke scoring it 80-77 after eight twos.

Steve Davies, Pembroke, 149, stopped Steve Ward, Nottingham, 150, referee Clarke intervening at 0:28 of round three in a scheduled six. Ward was cut on the forehead during one of the frequent clinches.

Stan Jones, Swansea, 143, didn't lose a round outpointing Andrew Sumner, Sheffield, 145, scoreline 60-57½ after six twos.

Clinton Campbell, Stoke, 133, outpointed Si Holdsworth, Stoke, over six twos by 59½-58½.

(01-30-85)

►**EDINBURGH—Playhouse Theatre**—Danny Flynn, Scottish bantamweight champion, 113½, had no difficulty disposing of 40-year-old Spaniard Mariano Garcia, 113½, knocking him out in 2:22 of round one in a scheduled 10. Garcia had already been down three times, and a final right cross did the trick.

Sammy Brennan, Kirkby, 163, stopped Scottish middleweight champion Billy Lauder, 165¼, referee Len Mullen intervening at 1:40 of round four in a scheduled eight twos. It was still anybody's fight when, after a clash of heads, Lauder emerged with a cut by the left eye. This didn't yield to treatment and caused the stoppage.

Jim McIntosh, Edinburgh, 151, kayoed Robert Armstrong, Doncaster, 151¾, in 0:49 of the opening round in a scheduled eight twos. When Armstrong went down it appeared that he had hurt his ankle. When they met previously, McIntosh won on points, and this was the latter's ninth successive victory.

Dave Adams, Kirkcaldy, 124¾, kept his unbeaten certificate by outpointing Ian Murray, Manchester, 127½, over eight twos.

Billy Cairns, Glasgow, 138¼, outpointed Albert Buchanan, Dundee, 139, not losing a round, referee Mullen scoring it 60-58 after six twos.

Danny Quiggs, Paisley, 155½, made a fine debut and also didn't lose a round in outpointing Peter Phillips, Dimington, 154½, referee Danny McCafferty casting it 60-58½ after six.

(02-01-85)

►**LONDON—Battersea Town Hall**—Keoth Bristol, Battersea, 175, outpointed Central Area light heavy champion Ian Lazarus, Leeds, 173, over eight, referee Sid Nathan scoring 79-78. Bristol had to survive a difficult final round.

John Moody, Rayleigh, 173, stopped Stuart Robinson, Birmingham, 178, who retired at the end of round two with torn blood vessels in his right arm.

Simon Harris, Hanwell, 166, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing substitute Sean O'Phoenix, Sheffield, also 166, over six, referee Nathan making it 59½-58.

Mark Mills, Croydon, 156, scoring a six-round points win over Dennis O'Brien, Southall, 152, scoreline 79-77½.

Lou Gent, Battersea, 176, narrowly outpointed Harry Andrews, Birmingham, 175, referee White rendering a 59-58½ scorecard after six twos.

Ronnie Fraser, Birmingham, 168, beat debutant Trevor Chance, Ealing, referee White being called to the latter's corner at the end of round three in a scheduled six twos when Chance had a cut on the left cheekbone.

►**LEEDS—Town Hall**—Liam Coleman, Leeds, outpointed Bernie Kavanagh, Liverpool, over eight by 79-78 in a light heavyweight bout. Coleman was cut by the left eye in round seven.

Mark Davey, Leeds, 137, at last outpointed Keith Foreman, Hartlepool, 135, over eight, referee Mickey Van scoring it 79½-77½. Foreman had won their two previous contests. A fine bout, and the fans threw in nobbins in appreciation.

Dean Marsden, Leeds, 140, kayoed Mick Cotton, Doncaster, in 0:45 of round one in a scheduled eight. Ricky Nicholson, referee.

Charlie Watson, Bradford, 146½, drew with Paul Kelly, Doncaster, 149, eight.

Jaswant Ark Singh, Derby, 142, didn't lose a round in outpointing Dave Kettlewell, Leeds, 141, over six by 60-57½.

(02-05-85)

►**LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club**—Mike Durvan, Penge, 138, stopped Jimmy Bunclarke, Liverpool, 138, referee Harry Warner interveing at 1:12 of round two in a scheduled eight when Bunclarke was under pressure.

Central Area lightweight champion Bunclarke afterwards announced his retirement from the ring. He had been a pro for nearly five years and is 23.

Peter Ashcroft, Liverpool, 146, gained a six-rounds points win over Danny Glover, Sheffield, 148, referee Warner indicating that Ashcroft had won every round with a scorecard of 60-57.

Sugar Gibiliru, Liverpool, 128, stopped Martin Power, Manchester, 127¾, who was retired with a cut by the left eye at the end of round three in a scheduled six.

Robert Riley, Sheffield, 142, outpointed Alan Williams, Liverpool, 141, over six twos, referee Warner casting it a narrow 59-58½. A good crowd pleaser.

(02-04-85)

►**NOTTINGHAM—Great International Sporting Club**—Mike Durvan, Penge, 138, stopped Jimmy Bunclarke, Liverpool, 138, referee Harry Warner interveing at 1:12 of round two in a scheduled eight when Bunclarke was under pressure.

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(02-04-85)

►**NOTTINGHAM—Great International Sporting Club**—Ray Newby, Nottingham, 133, didn't lose a round outpointing Peter Bowen, Wednesbury, 136, over eight twos by 80-77 on referee Brian Arnott's card.

Just when it looked as if Ray Price, Swansea, 147, was booked for a points defeat he staged an all-out rally in the sixth and final round and stopped Claude Rosse, Derby, 147, on referee Arnott's intervention. Still on his feet, Rosse protested, but he had stopped punching back, and the referee is nearest the action.

Lee Woolls, Alfreton, 147, easily outscored Bobby Wellburn, Hull, 145, over six twos by 59½-58½.

Martin Boulton, Norwich, 133½, outpointed Kenny Walsh, Bradford, 147, in another six by 59½-58½.

(02-04-85)

►**BASILDON—Festival Hall**—Lloyd Morgan, Tottenham, 148, made it three in a row by outpointing Lennie Gloster, Peterborough, 145, over eight twos, referee Nathan scoring 79-77½. Gloster was down in the opening round from a right hand, but recovered well to make it an interesting contest.

Terry Anderson, Wickford, 137½, outpointed Ron Shinkwin, Borehamwood, 137¼, over eight by 79-78 on referee Dave Parris's card. Some thought it was much closer.

Paul Gamble, Norwich, 161, stopped John Hargin, Corby, 164, referee Reg Thompson intervening at 1:44 of round two in a scheduled six after Hargin had been decked.

Lennie Howard, Chelmsford, 177½, kayoed Romal Ambrose, Leicester, 178, in 1:46 of round six in a scheduled eight twos. A right hand put Ambrose down in round two and a similar punch floored him in the sixth. He took the count on one knee.

Mickey Hull, Chelmsford, 137, made it three in a row by outpointing Paul Dawson, Kingston, 138, winning every round on referee Thompson's score of 60-57 after six twos.

Gary Champion, Norwich, 144, outpointed Nick Harty, Southend, 147, over six twos, referee Parris casting it 59½-58.

(01-31-85)

►**DARLINGTON—Dolphin Centre**—Errol Christie, Coventry, 162, made it 17 wins in 18 fights by knocking out Nestor Flores, Panama, 161½, in 2:40 of round two in a scheduled 10.

Fores said that he had come to fight, and tried hard to keep his word. Christie bided his time, then, in round two, brought his left hand into play, catching Flores with some hefty hooks.

When the opening came, Christie took it, and a right cross sent Flores on the way to the canvas, with another right crashing home before he reached it. Referee Arnold Bryson completed the count.

An impressive display by Christie, underlining his undoubted ability and promise. A British title shot cannot be far away.

Former Commonwealth flyweight champion Keith Wallace, Liverpool, 120½, also had a quick win, disposing of Mexican Felipe Morales, also 120½, at 2:28 of the opening round in a scheduled eight. Morales was knocked down three times by Wallace's quick and lethal punching, and referee Fred Potter didn't bother to count on the third occasion.

Wallace now hopes to make his mark in the bantamweight division, and on this form should do just that.

Inactive for nearly two years, Graeme Ahmed, South Shields, returned to outpoint Phil O'Hare, Manchester, over six by a narrow 59½-59 on referee Bryson's card.

Ian Colbeck, Darlington, 122½, outpointed John Mwaimu, Manchester, 124½, over six twos by 59½-59 on referee Potter's card. Many thought Mwaimu deserved at least a draw.

Neil Patterson, Darlington, 142, didn't lose a round outpointing substitute Andy O'Rawe, Canvey Island, 140¾, referee Potter scoring it 60-58½ after six.

(02-02-85)

►**LONDON—Lewisham Theatre**—Steve Elwood, Camberwell, 148¼, scored a comfortable eight-round points win over Dave Cox, Northampton, 148, referee Roy Francis casting it 79½-77½. Cox was down in the final round and under severe pressure as the last bell sounded.

After nearly five years' inactivity, Oscar Angus, Dulwich, 162½, made a comeback on his 32nd birthday and beat substitute Alan Baptiste, Luton, 162, referee Francis calling a halt at 1:45 of round five in a scheduled eight twos, when Baptiste had been cut by the left eye.

Dave Smith, Croydon, 138, gained his fourth successive win by outpointing Nicky Day, Southampton, 138¼, over six twos, referee Parris's card showing 59½-58½. Day was down in round five.

John Faulkner, Northampton, 138¼, won every round in outpointing A.M. Milton, Battersea, 137, over six twos, referee Parris making the score 60-57. In fairness to Milton, he showed plenty of aggression, and made a sizeable contribution.

Gypsy Carmen, Norwich, 190½, outpointed Lee White, Morden, 183, over six twos, referee Parris casting 59½-58½.

(02-04-85)

►**WARRINGTON—Spectrum Arena**—A new star was born when Ugandan Sandy Odanaga, 121¾, came in as a substitute and made a successful pro debut by beating Ray Gilbody, St. Helens, 119¼, who was retired at the end of round seven with a suspected dislocated right wrist. It was Gilbody's first defeat as a pro, and, as he is also a leading contender for the British bantam crown, this was an impressive victory by Odanga.

Sandy is a former All-African amateur champion, and had been signed by Mickey Duff. For a new professional he certainly knows his way around the ring, which Gilbody found out in the opening session when he chose to fight instead of box. Ray was down in round two from a right hand, and Sandy followed up with several blows without reply.

Gilbody sustained a cut by the left eye, which afterwards needed three stitches, and a punch on the mouth necessitated the removal of a tooth. All this after only two rounds, and, although Ray did his best to get back into the fight, he only partially succeeded.

From round five, Gilbody went through a torrid time, yet stayed on his feet and fought back pluckily until the seventh, when he was punched halfway through the ropes and looked a weary man. At the end of the session, the doctor examined Ray's wrist and it was all over.

Odanga looked a competent fighter, and his long reach is a tremendous asset. He should be very popular here, that is, if enough suitable opposition can be found for him.

Mickey Kidd, Bedworth, 164, comfortably outpointed Blaine Longsden, Warrington, 164, referee Ricky Nicholson scoring it 79½-77 after eight.

Ian Chantler, St. Helens, 149, scored an eight-round points win over Cliff Domville, Liverpool, 148, referee Nicholson deciding on a 79-78 scoreline.

Steve Johnson, Liverpool, 159, stopped Danny Sullivan, Finchley, 159, referee Ron Hackett intervening at 1:22 of round six. Sullivan was down three times.

Mark Walker, Leigh, 171½, stopped Eddie Chatterton, Liverpool, 175, referee Hackett intervening at 1:17 of round

six after Chatterton had been on the deck.

Edward Lloyd, Rhyl, 135, drew with Andy Williams, Pontypool, 135, six.
(02-01-85)

►**BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Jimmy Thornton, Sheffield, 141, beat Steve Tempro, Leicester, also 141, referee Paul Thomas calling a halt at 0:49 of round four in a scheduled eight with Tempro under pressure.

Gary Flear, Birmingham, 136, kayoed Tyrell Wilson, Cardiff, 138, at 1:21 of round two in a scheduled six.

Al Malcolm, Birmingham, 210, produced an even quicker knockout, disposing of Rocky Burton, Bedworth, in 0:50 seconds of the opening round after decking his man for eight with a left hook.

Alex Romeo, Leicester, 188, drew with Mick Cawdon, Doncaster, 196, six.

Chris Pegg, Nottingham, 126, outpointed Dean Dickensen, Sheffield, over six twos.
(02-04-85)

►**LONDON—Dulwich Baths**—Mike Durvan, Penge, 139½, has started 1985 in devastating fashion. He gained his third win, all inside the distance, by stopping Andy Williams, Newport, 138½, referee Larry O'Connell intervening as the bell ended round seven of a scheduled eight twos with Williams cut on the right eyebrow.

Durvan was in command at the time. Williams' nose bled, and there was a swelling by the eye which resulted in the cut.

Nobbins were tossed in after Karl Barwise, Tooting, 158½, outpointed Tony Baker, New Cross, 158, over eight by 78½-78. They drew in a previous meeting, and are obviously well matched. In a boxer vs. fighter duel, the boxer won, but the aggressive Baker never stopped coming forward.

Kevin Downer, Shoreditch, stopped Roy Williams, Merthyr, 121, referee O'Connell calling a halt at 0:34 of round five in a scheduled eight twos with Williams still on his feet but under continuous pressure. When they met previously, the result was a draw that brought nobbins.

Ron Shinkwin, Borehamwood, 138, beat Willie Wilson, Nottingham, 139, referee Paddy Sower intervening at 0:35 of round five in a scheduled eight twos. Wilson seemed to turn away from his opponent, something he had done on previous occasions. Little in it at that stage, and there were strong protests from the loser's corner.

Colin Neagle, Cardiff, 152, outpointed Billy Edwards, Shoreditch, 149, over eight twos by 79-77½ on referee Sower's scorecard.

Derek Williams, Peckham, 217½, stopped Barry Ellis, Clapham, 210, on referee O'Connell's intervention at 1:50 of round two in a scheduled six twos.

Dave Henderson, Peckham, 136, drew with Henry Arnold, Liverpool, 137¾, over six twos. Paddy Sower, referee.
(02-11-85)

►**MANCHESTER—Anglo-American Sporting Club**—After two years' inactivity, Lee Hartshorn, Manchester, 155¾, returned to draw with Steve Davies, Pembroke, 156, over eight. Brian Hogg, referee.

Mark Walker, Warrington, 167, stopped Terry Gilbey, Hull, 166, referee Ricky Nicholson intervening at 1:36 in the final round of their scheduled six twos, after Gilbey had been down.

Peter Ashcroft, Liverpool, 145, kayoed Lee Woolis, Alfreton, 146, in 0:53 of round two with a right to the jaw.

Seamus Casey, Mansfield, 162, outpointed Paul Smith, Sheffield, 160, over six twos, not losing a round on referee Hogg's scorecard of 60-57.
(02-11-85)

►**SOUTH SHIELDS—Buddy's Club**—Maltese-born John Westgarth, Newcastle, 211, kayoed Theo Joseph, Halifax, 189, referee Fred Potter counting out Joseph at 1:22 of round two. Joseph had also been down in the opening round.

Paul Lister, Newcastle, 200, outpointed Al Malcolm, Birmingham, 202, over six twos, referee Arnold Bryson scoring it 60-59, indicating Lister hadn't lost a round.

Gordon Pratt, Stockton, 149½, narrowly outscored Mickey Bird, Chesterfield, 147½, over six twos, referee Bryson casting it 59-58½.

Paul Deans, Jarrow, 143, didn't lose a round in outpointing Paul Keers, Bradford, 140, referee Potter's scorecard showing 60-57½.

Debutant John Williams, Birmingham, 182, stopped Doug Isles, Blackpool, 180, referee Bryson intervening at 1:59 of round five in a scheduled six twos after Isles had been down.
(02-12-85)

►**DIGBETH—Town Hall**—Martin McGough, Coventry, 146½, stopped Gary Knight, Peckham, 147, referee Frank Parkes intervening at 2:06 of round seven when Knight was cut by the left eye. Knight was decked in round four by a left hook, and was trailing on points. McGough was cut by the right eye, which required stitching.

Micky Baker, Midlands Area lightweight champion, 140, won every round in outpointing substitute Vince Bailey, Birmingham, 142½, over eight twos, referee Parkes scoring it 80-76, which gave no indication of what a splendid fight it was to watch, so much so that the fans threw in nobbins. Baker was marked by the left eye, and Bailey performed admirably considering he didn't know about the fight until a few hours beforehand.

Peter Ashcroft, Liverpool, 144, made it seven in a row by outpointing Andy O'Rawe, Canvey Island, 143, referee Parkes scoring 79-78 after eight twos.

Mick Harkin, Birmingham, 148, narrowly outpointed Arthur Robinson, Birmingham, 149, referee Geoff Clarke scoring 79-78½ after eight twos.

Andrew Mayers, Birmingham, 137, stopped Clinton Campbell, Stoke, 136, referee Clarke halting matters at 1:55 of round four in a scheduled six twos with Campbell under pressure.

Tony Meszaros, Birmingham, 163, didn't lose a round outpointing Dave Scott, Telford, 160, referee Clarke scoring it 60-57½ after six twos. Tony was cut by the left eye.
(02-14-85)

►**WOLVERHAMPTON—Sporting Club**—Mark Pearce, Cardiff, 133, outpointed Kenny Walsh, Doncaster, also 133, referee Paul Thomas scoring it 79½-77½ after eight.

Gary Flear, Birmingham, 136, outpointed Peter Bowen, Wednesbury, 135, referee Thomas's scorecard showing 79½-77½ after eight. Bowen was down in round three and was cut by the right eye.

Danny Glover, Sheffield, 149, beat Malcolm Davies, Shrewsbury, 152, the bout being stopped in round four when Davies sustained an eye injury. Glover looked comfortably ahead.

Gary Tomlinson, Alfreton, 162, won every round in outpointing Dalton Jordan, Leicester, 156, referee Thomas casting it 60-57 after six.
(02-12-85)

►**EVESHAM—Sporting Club**—Dave Pratt, Leicester, 131, drew with substitute Stan Jones, Dyfed, 134, over eight. Referee Jim Pridding officiated in every contest.

Reuben Thurley, Leicester, 159, outpointed Joe Lynch, Plymouth, 160, over six twos, scoreline 59½-58½.

Mark Tucker Watts, Leicester, 162, beat Dave Foley, Doncaster, 164, the stoppage coming at 0:33 of round two in a scheduled six twos when Foley was cut by the left eye.

Alex Romeo, Leicester, 188, kayoed Mick Cawdon, Doncaster, 196, at 1:56 of round one in a scheduled six twos. A body attack did the trick.
(02-13-85)

►**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—John Maloney, Barnet, 128, kayoed Kevin Taylor, Rochdale, 125, with a left hook in 0:23 of round three in a scheduled eight. Taylor was still dazed after referee Mickey Vann completed the count.

Charlie Watson, Bradford, 148, kayoed substitute Tony Kempson, Blackpool, 149, in 0:35 of the opening round with a right to the head. Referee Keith Garner counted Kempson out.

Central Area featherweight champion John Doherty, Bradford, 129, outpointed Muhammad Lovelock, Manchester, 131½, over eight, referee Vann casting it a narrow 78½-78.

Steve Griffiths, Finchley, 138, outpointed Paul Keers, Hartlepool, 140, over six, referee Garner scoring 60-57.
(02-18-85)

►**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Floored by a right hand in round four, Nick Wilshire, Bristol, 155, got up to outpoint substitute Mbaya Ya Mbayo, Zaire, 153, referee Bob Galloway scoring it 99-97 after 10. Mbayo kept tossing right hands in the hope of repeating the knockdown, but in vain.

Billy Ruzgar, Tottenham, 124, drew with Alec Irvine, Corby, 127, over eight twos. Bob Galloway, referee.

Debutant Peter Bradley, Glasgow, 131, outpointed Ian Murray, Manchester, winning every round. Referee Jack Snipe scored it 60-57 after six twos.

John Graham, Paddington, 163, won every round against Seamus Casey, 164, Alfreton, referee Snipe casting it 60-57 after six.
(02-18-85)

RON OLVER

AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

TRANSVAAL

►**PRETORIA**—Southpaw Norman Bromfield won the South African featherweight title by stopping defending champion Israel Khonkhobe in the 11th round of a scheduled 12. This was Bromfield's 21st win in 25 bouts.

Obed Masango and Charles Oosthuizen drew, eight, junior middles. Oosthuirzen came in as a sub.
(02-01-85)

►**VEREENIGING**—Joseph Lala outscored Welsh lightweight title holder Geoff Pegler, 10. The bout was fought at the welterweight limit and Lala, a good counterpuncher, always had the edge.
(02-08-85)

►**BOKSBURG**—Brian Mitchell retained his South African junior lightweight title for the sixth time by stopping Nyingi Mtya at 1:50 of the third round in a scheduled 12. Mtya was down in the second and third rounds.

South African junior welterweight champion Arthur Mayisela halted Stephen Balene in round two in the main supporting bout.
(02-11-85)

RON JACKSON

PAN PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

VICTORIA

►**MELBOURNE—Festival Hall**—Melbourne's Golden Boy, Lester Ellis, 127½, won the IBF world junior lightweight title with a solid points win over defending champion Hwan Kil Yuh, 129½, before a capacity house of nearly 7,000.

Ellis received tremendous applause when he entered the ring. Over the last few rounds, the crowd chanted his name and everyone knew when the final bell rang, that Ellis was the new champion—everyone, that is, except the Korean judge who scored the fight for Yuh. Judge Juk-Kik Kim had it 147-144. The crowd laughed in derision and disbelief. Philippines judge Eduardo Velasko carded 147-143 for Ellis, and Australian judge Gus Mercurio had it 145-142, Ellis. *The Ring* had Ellis winning, 148-143. Others had an even bigger margin. Yuh knew he lost.

Ellis boxed well. Over the last three rounds, Yuh was exhausted but his big heart kept him upright in there—though he was nearly knocked down late in the fight.

In a 10-round fight for the Australian heavyweight title, Dave Russell, 193¼, halted defending champion Steve Aczel, 203¼, at the end of round five. Aczel fought the wrong fight, meeting Russell at his own game, up close and punching. Aczel should have boxed in his normal style. However, it appears he had the flu. Apparently, he wanted to go down fighting. No knockdowns, but Aczel stopped a few solid ones in round five and his corner withdrew him at the end of that round. Malcolm Bulner referee.

Anthony Naidu, 143¼, kept his Victorian State welter title with a clear win over Robbie Nava, 143½, who had no idea how to combat a southpaw. He moved exactly the wrong way throughout the 10 rounds. Referee Bryan Membrey carded 98-93, judge Pauline Steinmann had it 100-90, judge Cliff Heaver saw it 98-92.

Paul James, 155½, halted Lou Cafaro, 157½, in round three of a scheduled six. No knockdowns, and referee Johnny Wheeler's action brought strong protests from the Cafaro camp. But Johnny was in there. He was in a better position to see Cafaro's condition than anyone else was.

Joe Cutajar, 143½, drew with Bill Stepanoski, 137½, four.

Super Star Promotions.
(02-15-85)

►**MELBOURNE—Festival Hall**—For the second week in succession, the Festival Hall was packed. This one was between Barry Michael, 134½, Australian lightweight champion, and his leading contender, Graeme Brooke, 132¼, holder of the British Commonwealth lightweight title. Brooks defended his title, Michael defended his.

Michael won comfortably. Brooke seemed to show too much respect for the older man. It was Brooke's first loss in 20 fights. Michael is now 44-8-3.

Gus Mercurio refereed but did not score. Judge Norm Foster had it 118-106, judge Cliff Heaver saw it 117-111, and judge Malcolm Bulner carded 118-110.

In the 10-round main support, Lawrence (Baby Cassius) Austin, 156½, had no trouble with Benny Tabua, 158¾, who seems to be softening up after a good career. Referee Bulner stopped the fight at 1:43 of round two and crowned Austin.

Brad Butler, 138¼, outpointed Phil Miller, 137½, six.

Kevin Hargraves, 170, outpointed Mike McKechnie, 170, four.

Charlie Clark, 158¾, outpointed Mark Smith, 159¼, three.

Joe Cutajar, 142, outpointed Kevin Prodramus, 152½, three.

Nick Hatzill, 142, halted Frank Di Lucia, 140¾, in round two of their scheduled three.

J.A.B. Promotions.
(02-22-85)

►**BRAYBROOK—Hotel**—Two eight-rounders headlined.
Rodney Bowman, 127½, outpointed Phil Roberts, 127½.
Tony Miller, 131¼, a great prospect, halted Dean Thomas, 133¼, in round two.
Sam Giordano, 159½, outpointed Ray Anderson, 160¾, four.
In threes, Joe Cutajar, 140¼, drew with Trevor Keegan, 162¼; Pat Mudford, 135, outpointed Richard Corrigan, 134.
(03-07-85)

NEW SOUTH WALES

►**MT PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Mark Cribb was to have defended his Australian junior featherweight title against Tony Miller over 12, but something went wrong. Cribb scaled 127½. Miller weighed in at 125½. Still set for 12 but now non-title. Miller kept his record intact by halting Cribb in 10. Referee: Billy Males.
In a scheduled 10-rounder, Joe Nitiva, 159½, halted Australian middleweight champion Emmanuel Otti, 161½, in round three. Two big rights, two standing counts. Towel acknowledged by referee John Cauchi.
In another 10, Doug Sam, 169¼, upended Tom West, 168¾, in round one. West was down twice, second time out. Referee: Alf Waymark.
Dino Billinghurst, 149, outpointed Tony Adcock, 153¼, four.
(02-20-85)
►**DOLLS POINT—Georges River Sailing Club**—Rising Rudy Darno, 198½, scored the best win of his short career when he outpointed veteran John Layton, 190¾, 10. Rudy had 12 fights prior to this, but Layton had five times as many. Referee Mick Dunningham scored it 100-92 for Darno, a score that coincided with *The Ring* card. There were no judges.
Dave Winston, 161, knocked out Nooky Curyer, 164¼, in the third round of a six.
In another six, Sheriff Fawzi, 167½, outpointed veteran Paul Donnelly, 178½.
Robbie Hitchenson, 165½, unleashed a perfect punch in the final round of a four-rounder against Henry Bannock, 166½, that ended the fight.
(02-22-85)
►**GOSFORD—Returned Soldiers Club**—Local Troy Waters, 154½, had too much on the ball for Shaun Gray, 161, in their 10-rounder. All over in round three—K.O. win to Waters.
In the only other contest, Darwin North, 152¼, outpointed Robbie Fowler, 145½, three.
(02-22-85)
►**LAVINGTON—Sports Ground**—This was a sports carnival featuring bike racing, athletics, and one boxing contest. Set for 10 rounds, Jim Challenger, 158¾, stopped Lindsay Goode, 164¼, in round seven.
(02-23-85)
►**CASTLE HILL—RSL Club**—Glenn Hillier, 139½, and Joe Maletino, also 139½, turned on a good and even bout until Hillier got on top in round four and scored a K.O. Referee John Cauchi counted out Maletino.
Marty Feighan, 128¾, shot a short right to the solar plexus of Evan Hocking, 130½, in round four of their six, and that wrapped up the contest.
In another six, Les Mathers, 155¼, outpointed Wayne Berg, 153¾.
Over four, Charlie Lewis, 134, outpointed Paul Josephs, 134¼.
Also over four, Ivan Colusso, 152½, outpointed Brendan Gameren, 149.
(02-23-85)
►**CARDIFF—Workers Club**—Former Australian junior featherweight champion Craig Pevy, 130, met veteran Roger Henry, 129, for the vacant NSW State junior lightweight title, and Craig had his hands full. At the end of round eight, Henry was ahead on points. He also had a badly cut eye and that forced a stoppage, so Pevy won by K.O.
Peter Sierota, 144½, halted veteran Lindsay Roberts, 145½, in the final round of a six.
In a scheduled four, Mick Parker, 130, upended Dick Penfold, 136¾, in only 0:12 of round one.
Ivan Colusso, 153¼, outpointed Bill McKewin, 152¼, four.
(02-26-85)
►**MARRICKVILLE—RSL Club**—Australian cruiserweight champion Kevin Wagstaff was to have defended his title against NSW State champion Geoff Peate, but Wagstaff came down with flu. On the morning of the proposed fight, John Layton was called out of bed and asked if he would take Wagstaff's place. Layton agreed. So the fight went on for Peate's State title.
It was quite a fight, an exciting battle in which Layton decked Peate, but Peate was in charge most of the time and held a points lead at the end of round eight. At that point, Layton's seconds called referee Billy Males and hauled down John's flag. Layton then announced his retirement from boxing. He was Australian junior middleweight champion a few years ago but is much heavier now. He scaled 189½ for Peate, who was the same weight.
Joe Vallis, 181, and Rick Kulu, 170, fought as though there was to be no tomorrow in their six-rounder. Vallis got on top and decked Kulu in round three. When Kulu rose, he was unsteady on his feet so Billy Males stopped it and crowned Vallis.
Brett Brown, 163, decked Roland Stamplair, 160, twice in their scheduled four-rounder. Males stopped it in round two and crowned Brown.
(03-01-85)
►**DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Geoff Kanofski, 157¼, had a clear-cut points win over Roy Alexander, 164½, in the 10-round main. Kanofski's strength and persistence told the story.
John Bogolin, 167½, outpointed Joe Burruni, 166¾, in a very hard six-rounder that drew a shower of notes and coins from ringsiders. Shower amounted to $80.
Over four, Ivan Colusso, 150, outpointed Phil McKewin, 149.
In another four, Wayne Berg, 151, drew with Les Mathers, 152¼.
Young Miller, 151¼, outpointed Nooky Curyer, 162, four.
Every contest received a shower of notes and coins.
(03-01-85)
►**MOORE PARK—Hordern Pavilion, Sydney Showground**—It was a big one, with Sydney's latest sensation, Jeff Fenech, 116½, opposed to Filipino southpaw Rolly Navarro, 117½, before a wildly enthusiastic crowd of almost 5,000. Fenech did everything right. He moved clockwise throughout, which is the right way to move against a southpaw, and he did not get excited. When he was ready, he drove Navarro to a corner, hit him with a couple of stiff punches, broke one of the Filipino's ribs, and knocked him senseless. Countout by referee Paul Moore.
It was Fenech's sixth pro fight, and his sixth K.O. win. On April 29, he will fight Satoshi Shingaki for the IBF bantamweight title.
Geoff Peate was far too good for Guy Waters, who was making his pro debut. Billed for 10 rounds, it was all over in the second when referee Johnny Wright rescued Waters. Peate was 195½, Waters 173½. Like a boy against a man.
Paul Toweel, 154½, and Darwin North, 148¾, turned on a six-round war that drew a large shower from the fans. Toweel won clearly on points.
In another six, Marty Feighan, 130, did it the hard way against Evan Hocking, 133. Marty had no idea how to fight a southpaw with the least damage to himself but sheer persistence won for Feighan. He decked Hocking in round five and Hocking was very unsteady when he rose, so referee Johnny Wright stopped the contest and crowned Feighan. This fight also received a very large shower.
Miguel Pimentel, 152½, outpointed Robbie Fowler, 144½, six.
Wayne Berg, 150½, outpointed Dino Billinghurst, 147½, four.
(03-04-85)

NORTHERN TERRITORY

►**DARWIN—Nightcliff Youth & Community Center**—Only one fight on the bill but it certainly got the crowd excited.
John Siriotis, 153, outpointed John Pigott, 154, eight. The fans showered the ring with cash amounting to $180.
(02-15-85)

QUEENSLAND

►**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—The main event and the main support on this bill both ended in upsets. One punter put $10 on the winning double and collected $100. That is 10 to 1.
In the headliner, Australian welterweight champion Russell Sands lost on points to Graeme Looker. Each weighed 148.
Sands was well below form.
In the semi-wind-up, Ronald Doo, 140, outpointed Musa Sione, also 140, in a very good and close encounter.
In a third 10-rounder, Brendon Dempsey, 161, outpointed Tony Campbell, 158.
In an eight, Russell Finn, 128, halted Shane Spencer, 130, in round three, a cut eye bringing the stoppage.
In a six, Noel Thornberry, 160, son of Noel Thornberry who boxed in Brisbane a few years ago, made his pro debut and scored a third round K.O. over Bull Peppernell, 168. (18-2-85)
(02-18-85)
►**MANSFIELD—Tavern**—Percy Israel, 127, outpointed Johnny Fooks, 129, over 10 for the vacant Queensland State junior lightweight title. Good fight that received a shower.
In another 10, Guy Parker, 150, outpointed Dave Bellis, 150.
Over six, Gary Tomlinson, 151, outpointed Danny Davies, 145½.
Keith Arnold, 144, drew with Jeff Glover, 152¼, six.
(03-04-85)

RAY MITCHELL

NEW ZEALAND

►**AUCKLAND—Carlaw Park**—Steve Renwick, 154, won the New Zealand junior middleweight title with a unanimous decision over defending champion Fred Taufua, 153¾, 12. Renwick used his superior speed and longer reach to good advantage, counterpunching smartly.
Graig Parsons, 159¾, TKO'd Michael Isaako, 160, in the fifth round of their scheduled 12 to retain his New Zealand middleweight title.
David Stowers, 146¾, stopped Jim Blake, 150¾, Fiji, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Stowers holds the New Zealand junior welterweight and welter titles.
Peter Armstrong, 168, won a unanimous decision over K.O. Kamisi Samu, 167¾, in the six-round opener.
Referee—Beaven Weir (all bouts).
Promoter—Brian Edwards.
Attendance—5,000.
(02-18-85)

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18. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)
19. Larry Lane (U.S.)
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2. Marvin Johnson (U.S.)
3. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)
4. Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
5. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Vez.)
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17. Don LaLonde (Canada)
18. Grover Robinson (U.S.)
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17. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
18. Mike Tinley (U.S.)
19. Kevin Mosley (U.S.)
20. Alex Hilton (Canada)

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10. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
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12. Mark Medal (U.S.)
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15. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
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17. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
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Champion
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3. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
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5. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
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2. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
3. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
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5. Saul Julio (Colombia)
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8. Lorenzo Garcia (Argentina)
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13. Mitchell Julian (U.S.)
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14. Robin Blake (U.S.)
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16. Rene Weller (Germany)
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18. Tony Baltazar (U.S.)
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15. Francisco Tomas Cruz (Brazil)
16. John Sichula (Zambia)
17. Chung-Won Chung (Korea)
18. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
19. Ruben Guzman (Colombia)
20. Myron Taylor (U.S.)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
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2. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
3. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
4. Bernard Taylor (U.S.)
5. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
6. Irving Mitchell (U.S.)
7. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
8. Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
9. Dana Roston (U.S.)
10. Adrian Arreola (U.S.)
11. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
12. Richard Savage (U.S.)
13. Bernardo Checa (Panama)
14. Johnny de la Rosa (Dom. Rep.)
15. Lupe Suarez (U.S.)
16. Ramon Soria (Argentina)
17. Calvin Grove (U.S.)
18. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
19. Ki-Yung Chung (Korea)
20. Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
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2. Mike Ayala (U.S.)
3. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
4. Guadalupe Pintor (Mexico)
5. Oscar Muniz (U.S.)
6. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
7. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
8. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Rep.)
9. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)
10. Samart Payakaroon (Thailand)
11. Jose Meneses (Panama)
12. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
13. Juan Veloz (Mexico)
14. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
15. Choi-Yun Kap (Korea)
16. Ruben Palacios (Argentina)
17. Aaron Lopez (U.S.)
18. Modest Napunyi (Kenya)
19. Manuel Batista (Dominican Rep.)
20. Pongpan Sorphayathai (Thailand)

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Champion
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1. Freddie Jackson (U.S.)
2. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
3. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
4. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
5. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
6. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
7. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
8. Chan-Young Park (Korea)
9. Hurley Snead (U.S.)
10. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
11. James Pipps (U.S.)
12. Harold Petty (U.S.)
13. Jerome Coffee (U.S.)
14. James Manning (U.S.)
15. Benito Badilla (Chile)
16. Azael Moran (Panama)
17. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
18. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
19. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
20. Jeff Fenech (Australia)

SUPER FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jiro Watanabe (Japan)
1. Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
2. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
3. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
4. Julio Soto Solano (Dom. Rep.)
5. Payao Poontarat (Thailand)
6. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
7. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
8. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
9. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
10. Kazuo Katsuma (Japan)
11. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
12. Guty Espadas (Mexico)
13. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
14. Eusebio Espinal (Dominican Rep.)
15. Elly Pical (Indonesia)
16. Dong-Chun Lee (Korea)
17. Kap-Sup Song (Korea)
18. Lorimer Pontino (Philippines)
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20. Jose Chacon (Panama)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Sot Chitalada (Thailand)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
3. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
4. Antoine Montero (France)
5. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
6. Alonzo Gonzalez (U.S.)
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8. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
9. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
10. Hi-Sup Shin (Korea)
11. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)
12. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
13. Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
14. Shuichi Hozumi (Japan)
15. Soon-Jung Kang (Korea)
16. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
17. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
18. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
19. Rafael Cabrera (Dominican Rep.)
20. Rafael Alonso (Mexico)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
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2. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
3. Joey Olivo (U.S.)
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5. Javier Alonso (Mexico)
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10. Myung-Woo Yuh (Korea)
11. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
12. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
13. Hermogines Murillo (Panama)
14. Dong-Yong Hwang (Korea)
15. Oh-Kong Sun (Korea)
16. Steve Bell (Australia)
17. Yoshiaki Nojima (Japan)
18. Kenji Ono (Japan)
19. Babe Luis (Mexico)
20. Efren Pinto (Mexico)

VETERAN BOXERS I BEAT

BY CHARLIE SPINA

Johnny Dundee plays leap frog with his trainer.

Sugar Ray Robinson as he looked in 1952.

IT'S BEEN 20 YEARS SINCE THE GREAT Johnny Dundee was laid to rest, but the memories linger on.

Dundee, who was the featherweight champion 1923-24, fought many great battles, but the one I would like to tell was reported to me by the late Babe Orlando. It is the story of an "unofficial bout" that took place between Dundee and *heavyweight* Ray Neuman.

It was on a Wednesday afternoon and the little "Scotch Wop", as Dundee was called, was training for a bout with Gaston Charles at Stillman's Gym. Neuman, a 210-pounder, asked for volunteers to spar with him. However, no one was willing to take on the big boy. Finally, Dundee agreed to box two rounds with him.

The action proved so hot that bad blood quickly developed between the mismatched pair. At the end of the prescribed limit, each was anxious for more.

"Let's make it five rounds," said Johnny. And they continued three more rounds. At the conclusion of the five rounds, the rout was extended to 15 rounds, and then to 20. Although it took place in the gym for free, the sparring session took on all the attributes of a real fight. Every round, with the exception of the last which was extended to five, was three minutes, with one minutes rest between. Trainer Doc Rob kept time, and Terry Roth was the referee.

There was plenty of blood spilled by both men, and several knockdowns scored. A crowd of about 200 cheered the fighters on. When the final gong rang, Roth went to Dundee's corner and raised his hand to thunderous applause. Neuman had scored several knockdowns over his smaller opponent, but the verdict went to Dundee, who had been outweighed by nearly 100 pounds. Both men shook hands at the end of the 20th round. During the "workout" Neuman shed 11 pounds, while Dundee dropped seven.

THIS PAST FEBRUARY, FORMER WELterweight and middleweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson was honored at an exclusive cocktail party held at the classy Carlyle Hotel in New York City. Phil Rosenthal, owner of TV Fanfare in Los Angeles, tossed the fine bash so that Ray could meet with some of his old boxing friends.

Robinson, now 54, greeted old foes Jake LaMotta, Artie Levine, Joey Giardello and Charlie Fusari. Others who came to honor Ray and his wife Millie were: Ray Arcel, Tippy Larkin, Billy Graham, and Mark Breland.

THIS AND THAT:

Bill Mahoney sends word that a six-foot statue of Young Corbett III has been unveiled in his honor in front of the Fresno Convention Center. Mahoney, leader of the fund-raising drive, attended the dinner and ceremonies along with about 800 other guests . . . Some San Francisco greats who passed away during 1984 were: former lightweight Joe Benjamin, manager Joe Herman, ex-boxer and glove maker Ray Flores, and manager/gym owner Billy Newman . . . Atlantic City will be the site of the 1985 IVBA Annual Convention this coming September . . . Don Nodecker was recently elected president of the IVBA Ring 76 of Syracuse, New York . . . The Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini story, "I Walk In His Shadow" will be shown on CBS on Father's Day, June 16. The title role will be played by 10-year-old Doug McKeon, who appeared in "On Golden Pond." Robert Blake, of TV's "Baretta" fame, will play Ray's father, Lenny. This will be Sylvester Stallone's first television production, and the plot centers on the relationship between father and son . . . Johnny Sullivan, 36, former lightweight, died January 9, 1985, at the Sloan-Kettering memorial Hospital in New York following a long illness . . . Conny Rudhof, 50, former European lightweight and super lightweight champion in the mid-1960's, died on December 2, 1984 at the university clinic in Mainz, West Germany. Rudhof boxed professionally for 11 years in Europe. His career in 1981 after he won 71 of 84 bouts. Johnny and Conny, Rest In Peace. □

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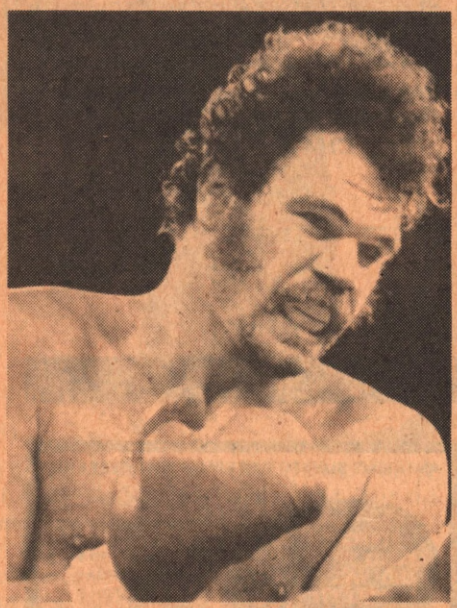
FOR SUGAR RAY LEONARD
Former welterweight and junior middleweight champion

Q The first fight with Roberto Duran was the only loss of your pro career. Before the decision was announced, did you think you had done enough to win?

A.G., BALTIMORE, MD

A **When I went back to my corner, it was strangely quiet. I was looking out in the crowd, but I was confident. But when it took awhile for them to add up their cards, I had a strange feeling come over me.**

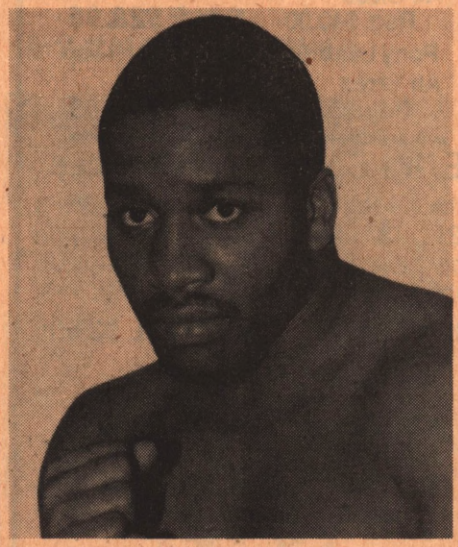


FOR TEX COBB
Heavyweight philosopher

Q I read that you don't like judges deciding who has won a fight. What method do you suggest?

P.D., PHILADELPHIA, PA

A **What I want is to fight until somebody can't fight anymore. Then you know. Then it's no opinions, it's one person standing up, another one that isn't.**



FOR TIM WITHERSPOON
Former WBC heavyweight champion

Q You always badmouthed Don King when you were champion. Now you've lost the belt, I understand you're back training at Don's camp in Orwell, Ohio. Why the change of heart?

P.D.N., AKRON, O

A **I made some mistakes. But all of that is behind me now. The most important thing is that I've got 'Slim Jim' Robinson back as my trainer. He's the teacher. He's one man I can't argue with. If he says it, I try to do it.**

FOR JAMES KINCHEN
Middleweight contender

Q Your split decision loss to James Shuler was very close. Why couldn't you finish Shuler off when you had him hurt in the 11th round?

L. McG., LONG BEACH, CA

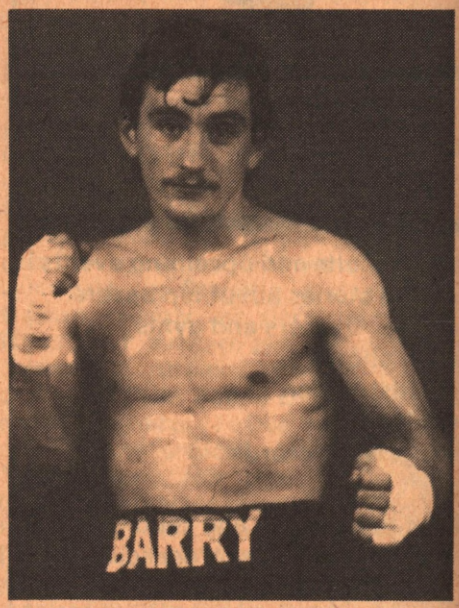
A **I was missing all day, and then I connected solidly with that one shot. I got a little overanxious trying to end it all right away.**

FOR DENNIS RAPPAPORT
Gerry Cooney's manager

Q What has happened to Cooney since he stopped George Chaplin? I heard that he wasn't even training any more.

Y.D., LAS VEGAS, NV

A **Gerry has been working out in a little local gym in Huntington, New York called Raabs. He's in excellent shape. Maybe five, six pounds over his fighting weight.**



FOR BARRY McGUIGAN
British and European featherweight champion

Q Is it true that both Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland have united in support of your bid for the featherweight title?

C.O., BROOKLYN, NY

A **People come to me and say I am able to do this. I'm Catholic and my wife, Sandra, is Protestant. I have both Protestant and Catholic friends. We have no problems when I fight at the (King's) hall.**

FIGHTERS RATE THEIR DIVISION

JOEY OLIVERA RATES THE LIGHTWEIGHTS

CALIFORNIA LIGHTWEIGHT JOEY OLIvera is into self-promotion. He calls himself the "Pasedena Kid" and hands out matchbooks with his nickname embossed on the cover. When *The Ring* asked him to rate the top ten fighters in the 135-pound division, Joey ranked himself number one. That's heady stuff for a young man who claims only a modest 13-4 (three KO's) record as a pro. But then, Olivera is a free spirit, who seems to be fighting as much for fun as anything . . . "I was never poor. I don't need the money. I just want a (title) belt to hold up my pants" . . . Olivera turned pro in April of 1983 with a four round decision over Tomas Rodriguez in Los Angeles. In his most recent outing, he dropped 10 round nod to streaking Bret Summers at Lake Tahoe . . . "He (Summers) was lucky because I had a bad week." . . . Joey is managed by Canto Robledo and is trained by Joe Robledo (Canto's son) and Louie Tirado . . . "Canto is the only blind manager and trainer in the world. He has been training fighters for at least 40 years." . . . Although Olivera hopes to emulate his heros Salvador Sanchez, Roberto Duran and Rocky Marciano, boxing is not his entire world . . . "I want everyone to know that music is my life. And after I retire from boxing—young and healthy—I will introduce my music." . . . With his limited punching power, it is unlikely that Olivera will obtain his dream of winning the lightweight title, but it won't be because he lacks confidence.

1. Hector Camacho
2. Jose Louis Ramirez
3. Harry Arroyo
4. Livingstone Bramble
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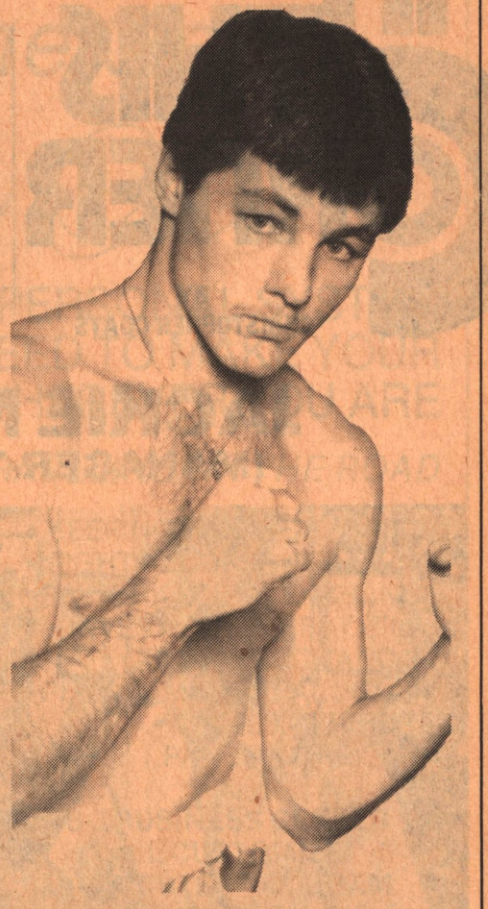

BRIAN McGINLEY RATES THE WELTERWEIGHTS

19-YEAR—OLD BRIAN McGINLEY IS a throwback to an earlier era when every neighborhood had its own fighters and its own smoke-filled fight club. Although most of today's action takes place in the glittering gambling casinos in Las Vegas and Atlantic City, Philadelphia still manages to support a couple of small-hall venues, including the legendary Blue Horizon. Despite the fact he's only had seven pro bouts (6-1, four KOs), McGinley is rapidly becoming one of the Horizon's biggest favorites. Friends and neighbors always turn out by the dozens to cheer him on, and so far, Brian has never disappointed them. Even when he dropped a close decision to Kenny Brown for his only pro loss, McGinley fought his heart out and shared in the applause following a bristling punchout . . . "I went at him (Brown) too fast and wore myself down. The next time I'll pace myself." . . . An amateur log of 40-10 included championship honors in the 1981 Philadelphia Junior Olympics and the 1983 Novice Golden Gloves, but only two knockouts. However, since he's turned pro, McGinley has displayed excellent power . . . "I was hardly ever in shape in the amateurs. I used to smoke, and didn't take fighting seriously then. Now, I train hard and it's paid off." . . . McGinley is trained and managed by Jack Costello . . . An unemployed carpenter's helper, Brian will probably soon move on to bigger and better things. But in the meantime, he continues the time-honored tradition of learning his trade in the kind of neighborhood clubs that have always produced some of boxing's most exciting performers.

1. Donald Curry
2. Marlon Starling
3. Carlos Trujillo
4. Tommy Ayres
5. Milton McCrory
6. Johnny Bumphus
7. Lloyd Honeygham
8. Colin Jones
9. Kevin Howard
10. Nino LaRocca

IN THIS CORNER

BY
CHRISTOPHER COATS

JACKIE McCOY
(MANAGER-TRAINER)

IN THE WORLD OF PRIZEFIGHTING few people have ever heard of Warren Spaw. He is 61-years old, with a trim body, sharp blue eyes, and a kind manner. He lives quietly with his wife and three children in a comfortable subdivision an hours' drive from Los Angeles. If you look closely at his face you can see small scars etched into his brows. And when a fight comes on the television his body stirs, and his eyes glitter, and he speaks like an expert. Mr. Spaw is not just a suburban gentleman. In the fight game he answers to the name of Jackie McCoy. He is one of today's most famous managers and trainers.

He has had five world champions, and though that is an extraordinary accomplishment, he dismisses the notion that he is somehow special because of it.

"If I've been successful it's because of the natural talent my fighters had," he says.

For the past 20 years McCoy has worked as a longshoreman, though he admits he probably could have supported his family through the boxing business alone. But he is a cautious person. "A long time ago someone said about me, 'Jackie doesn't take many chances,—he wears a belt and suspenders.' I guess it's true."

Carlos Palomino was the last champion McCoy managed, and likely the only one who trained seriously. Rodolfo Gonzalez, (lightweight champion from 1972-74), had some dedication, but the others, welterweight Don Jordan (champion from 1958-60), featherweight Raul Rojas (champion in 1968), and Mando Ramos (twice lightweight champion, from 1969, 70, and briefly in 1972), all had a firm resolve to avoid every bit of clean living. All were notorious for skirmishes with liquor, women, and the law. A few years ago McCoy introduced Jordan to Ramos. "I think you guys should get along well," he said, "you have a lot in common."

It is hard to imagine that Mando Ramos in his wild youth would exactly be Jackie McCoy's idea of a friend. But Mando was a member of the family when he was also the most popular fighter in Southern California. "Mando was our baby," Jackie and his wife Shirley both say. "Our youngest daughter use to think Mando's last name was Spaw," Jackie recalls. "When he was 16, I took him to a fight at the Olympics. There were about 2000 people in a place that holds 10,000. He looked at me and said, "In a few years this place will be too small for me.' He was right. Mando had super talent. When he was 19 he won the title. He was a terrific guy. But he was more or less washed up at 20."

It is curious, not sinister, why a fellow would have two names. McCoy was born with a love of boxing, nurtured no doubt by a father who reportedly had almost 300 professional fights, and according to his mother, that was more than enough for the entire family. So he took the polite course and changed his name. At 18 he began his pro career, fighting from 1942 till 1951, missing three years spent in the service. Strictly a boxer, he was good enough as a featherweight to beat Eddie Chaves, fight Harold Dade twice, and lose a 10-round decision to Manuel Ortiz, though the L.A. papers had him a clear winner. He agreed with the press. "If I was 18 now I'd do it all over again. I never cared for any other sport. Just boxing. I only wish I was a better fighter."

One wall in his house is covered with photographs, some going back 40 years, and along a hallway are a few fight posters with his name in large letters. But time hasn't stood still in his head. "To me Ray Robinson was the best fighter I ever saw," McCoy claims, "but it's obvious that athletes have been improving over the years. Robinson was one of the exceptions. A while ago a friend took me to some bar that was showing films of the great champions. It's amazing how time distorts your memory. I sat there and was shocked to see how ordinary some of the greats really were. Some had basic flaws. When I went home that night I felt sad. It was like I lost a friend."

A year old black Corvette is parked in his driveway. It belongs to Gerrie Coetzee. The phone rings frequently inside his house. He is asked to help train Harry Arroyo in Ohio, but declines so he can spend more time at home. He is sought after to work as a cut man, and often he does, though sometimes he has not been paid. So what? Boxing is his passion.

"I have heard people say that I am too low-key when I work," he says softly, "that I don't get fired up. That I don't say very much to a fighter between rounds. Well, there's a reason for it. Some trainers will tell a guy in the corner, 'you should feint this way, then do this, then throw these punches . . .' I think that's just ridiculous. If you can get a guy to do one or two things different, then you're doing a hell of a job. You're supposed to train a fighter in the gym. You got to feel for the fighter. Care for him as a person. What he wants to do with his life starts in the gym."

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